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# More donating needed

► Charity able to help more than 5,000 families in need ► Another 5,500 are on waiting list

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The Caring and Sharing Exchange sent out boxes and boxes of food for Christmas dinners Thursday evening, but the charity still needs donations or it will be forced to turn families away.

"This is actually organized chaos," said executive director Marilyn Matheson, as volunteers passed around food and packed and up hampers. "We have a method of doing it and everyone pitches in and gets everything done."

The charity offers some families and individuals food hampers, but more recipients usually get vouchers for Giant Tiger that they can spend on food and gifts. "If we get the donations in over the holidays we will still send the vouchers because these families still need assistance," Matheson said. As of Thursday morning, 5,500 of the 10,700 people who applied for assistance were still on the waiting list.

"Last year we pulled through at the last minute, but this year I think everybody is hurting," said Matheson. "We don't know what's going on in the economy so they're holding onto their money, and we can't blame them." ● JESSICA SMITH



► City Coun. Maria McRae and MPP Yasir Naqvi pack up food hampers on Thursday at the Hellenic Meeting and Reception Centre. "It's important that we can help families among us who don't have the money to celebrate Christmas in the traditional fashion," said Naqvi.

## Christmas thief stopped in his tracks

► Teen, armed with a knife, allegedly tried to steal mall Santa photo cash ► Didn't get far before being tackled to the ground {page 2}

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## Illegal workers told to leave Canada this weekend

Illegal workers arrested in Ottawa and Gatineau shopping malls on Monday were declared inadmissible to Canada on Thursday and must leave Canada on the weekend, the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) said.

Robert Gervais, IRB spokesperson, said full results of Thursday's detention review would be available Friday and he could disclose information on only 22 of them.

He said most of the workers had arrived in Canada on tourist visas within the past three or four weeks, but had been working illegally at health and beauty kiosks.

Of the 22, 10 women and 11 men were from Israel and were 20 to 36 years old. One woman, who was working illegally and living without status in Canada, was ordered deported. The others were here legally as tourists. One man from France was also working illegally. He and 20 Israelis were given exclusion orders.

"An exclusion order ... means that these individuals cannot come back to Canada for the next year," Gervais said. "They all indicated that they want to leave Canada."

Those given exclusion orders must present themselves to an immigration officer within the next three days and arrange to leave the country, Gervais said. **JOE LOFARO**



▶ A brazen thief tried to swipe the cash box from Santa and his elves at Merrivale Mall on Wednesday.

## Oh, you'd better not pout, you'd better not steal ...

▶ Thief not only tried to steal mall Santa photo cash, but he was also armed with a knife: Police ▶ Santa, elves were uninjured



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A thief armed with a knife shoved a couple of elves and stole money from the Santa Claus display at Merrivale Mall on Wednesday, but he didn't get very far before he was tackled to the ground.

The mall's North Pole display — a shiny blue igloo adorned with penguins and snow — is in the middle of a court surrounded by stores and shoppers.

"I heard a loud noise

and then I heard, 'Get him! Get him!'" said a salesperson who did not want to be identified, because staff are not supposed to speak with reporters while on the job.

Then the clerk saw a young man run through the crowd, past several stores, until a large man stopped him in his tracks.

"He stops, tackles him against the wall," the clerk said. "Like a hockey tackle."

Mall marketing co-ordinator Ricki Armitage said a teen was hanging around the display and saw an

**"He's definitely on the naughty list."**

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opening when one of Santa's elves picked up a box containing more than \$600 and was about to take money from a customer.

"Some young kid pushed aside the girls that work there, grabbed the cash box, jumped over the rope and took off down the mall," Armitage said. "One of the people who was waiting in line, who was a parent, and a guy who works at Fido managed to tackle him and

take him down. They held him there until security guards arrived."

Police charged Joshua Daviau, 18, with theft and possession of a weapon that is dangerous to the public, police spokesperson Cont. Marc Soucy said.

The Santa and elves working at the mall on Thursday said they weren't on shift Wednesday when the incident occurred, but had been told by their co-workers that the parent who intervened was an off-duty police officer. Metro was not able to contact the man to confirm it.

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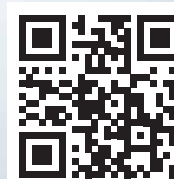
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# Chilling out for sick kids at CHEO



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- Organizers of winter-swim fundraiser are looking to beat last year's goal of \$20,000
- Ice-water frolic is expanding to Vancouver this year



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More than 200 people are expected to hurl themselves into the frigid waters of the Ottawa River Jan. 1 in their bikinis and swimming trunks in support of sick kids fighting for their lives at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

The second annual Sears Great Canadian Chill will take place at Britannia Beach following last year's inaugural event in Ottawa and Toronto.

All funds raised will support pediatric cancer research and treatment in each region's hospitals

Sara Forbes, a

spokesperson for the charity, said the idea behind jumping into frigid waters is that it lets people start off fresh for the new year.

"People find that it's a great way to swath off last year," said Forbes, who added that it's not as scary as most people think. "It's scary to jump into freezing water, it's scary to give your money away. But you know what's really scary? That a kid can have cancer."

Participants are encouraged to raise funds individually or with a group when they register.

Forbes said many people who participate in the event are those who have been affected by cancer in some way and want to be

a hero for someone else.

Some just make a quick in-and-out splash in the water, while others like to take a leisurely dip of up to 10 minutes.

"There are people who like to frolic around in the water so they'll stay in and have a nice, little cool bath and chill off," she said.

Forbes recommends first-timers bring a towel, rubber shoes and a friend to hand them their dry clothes.

A St. John's Ambulance will be on site as a precaution.

Registration is available now through Jan. 1 through thechill.ca or by calling 1-855-93-CHILL (24455).

# Fundraiser offers chance to skate with Spezza

Want to skate with Ottawa Senator Jason Spezza?

Anyone who helps raise more than \$1,000 at the Energizer Ottawa Night Skate next week will have a shot at meeting the Sens' centreman and skating with him at Scotiabank Place.

Spezza is spearheading a Sens Foundation project to build 19 permanent outdoor rinks for kids in targeted neighbourhoods in eastern Ontario and west-

ern Quebec. The skate night will help raise money toward that goal.

"We want to make sure there is excellent recreation space for kids who might not have a chance to participate in organized sport right in their neighbourhood," said Sens Foundation president Danielle Robinson. "This way they can walk out the door and get involved."

Kids with access to after-



► Ottawa Senators centre Jason Spezza

school activities tend to do better in school and in life in general, Robinson said, adding that the foundation will go beyond construction of rinks and will help establish sports instruction at the facilities.

Foundation officials are crossing their fingers for cold weather and a frozen canal by Dec. 27, when the skate night is to take place. But even if the unseasonable warmth continues,

plans are afoot to hold the event at the new Rink of Dreams at Ottawa City Hall. If everything goes according to plan, participants will do a five-kilometre skate on the canal Dec. 27.

Registering for the skate is \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids. People who register Thursday will get tickets to the Sens Skills Competition at Scotiabank Place on Dec. 28. ● SEAN MCKIBBON

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# Labour group has Dewar's back

► Ottawa and District Labour Council throw weight behind Ottawa Centre MP's pursuit of NDP leadership

The Ottawa and District Labour Council (ODLC) publicly endorsed Ottawa-Centre NDP MP Paul Dewar's bid to become leader of the federal New Democratic Party.

"Paul is a true working man and incredibly straight-forward. What you see is what you get with Paul," said Sean McKenny, president of the ODLC, in a news release.

McKenny added Dewar's contributions to working families in Ottawa have been enormous.

The council — one of the country's largest — made the unanimous decision after a general membership meeting held Wednesday evening. The ODLC represents 90 union locals with a combined membership of 50,000 workers.

The release said Dewar actively participated in ODLC activities as a delegate representing the Ottawa Carleton Elementary Teachers' Federation and after being elected as NDP MP for Ottawa Centre.

"We fundamentally believe that Paul Dewar is the best candidate to lead Canada's New Democrats," said McKenny.

● JOE LOFARO

## Making. A scene



► Seven-year-old Anas Rachid, left, and Moaz Marwah try to pull Anas Marah, 20, away from Yaman Albochi, 19, during a flash mob protest inside the Rideau Centre food court Thursday.

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## Syria flash mob intrigues shoppers

About 20 Syrian Canadians made dozens of frenzied Christmas shoppers in the Rideau Centre food court pause in their tracks Thursday when they stood frozen for five minutes, depicting violence against Syrian protesters.

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# Cops hunt robbers

► Police looking for gun-toting mall bandit and two accomplices



► Police are looking for the men seen in this taxi surveillance photo. A third is also wanted.

Police are asking for the public's help identifying the men in this photo.

A gun-toting robber and his two accomplices held up a store last week at St. Laurent Shopping Centre. Now police are looking for them and want the public's help.

Police said the incident happened at about 4:40 p.m. Dec. 15. The men approached an employee de-

manding money, but fled the scene empty-handed in a cab.

There were no injuries in the incident, police said.

The first suspect is described as black, 18 to 22 years old, six feet tall with a thin build and dark hair, wearing a black hoodie, black puffy vest, jeans, ball cap and a handgun in his waistband.

The second suspect is de-

scribed as black, 18 to 22 years old, six feet tall with dark hair, wearing a grey hoodie and black puffy vest.

The third suspect is described as black, 18 to 22 years old, wearing a navy blue New York Yankees jacket.

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► Nepean-Carleton  
MP Pierre Poilievre announces  
changes to baggage handling  
at airports. The changes are  
designed to make air  
travel less hectic.

## Feds to phase out duplicate baggage screening



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Transferring flights south of the border will be less of a hassle as the U.S. and Canadian government phase out the "duplicate screening" of baggage over the next three years, MPs announced Thursday.

Under the current system, air travellers who change planes in the U.S. have to pick up their bags

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and bring them to a security checkpoint for a second screening, then recheck them. But the new border plan was announced by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and U.S. President Barack Obama earlier this month.

"It will mean you can book tighter connections through U.S. cities ... and (have) more certainty that your bags will be waiting for you at your final destination," said Nepean-Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre.

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## PMO shrugs off Guergis' defamation lawsuit

There is a report that former member of Parliament Helena Guergis is suing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and a host of others for defamation.

The CBC is reporting the lawsuit stems from Guergis being forced out of cabinet and the Conservative caucus in April 2010 over allegations against her and her husband, former MP Rahim Jaffer.

The Conservative Party of Canada is also included in the lawsuit.

The CBC report says a

statement of claim filed by Guergis contends that unproven allegations of fraud and prostitution were defamatory and damaged her reputation.

A police investigation requested by the government found no evidence of wrongdoing and there were never any charges.

The allegations in the statement of claim have not been proven in court and no statement of defence has been filed, but the prime minister's office calls the allegations groundless.

"This latest action is ridiculous. The voters have made their minds up on Helena Guergis," said PMO spokesman Carl Vallee in an email to The Canadian Press.



► Helena Guergis

Guergis ran as an Independent in the May election, but was beaten by Conservative Kellie Leitch.

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# Twice the reward for thief a-leaping

- Bankers offer \$20K for information leading to arrest
- Investigators worried by robber's escalation in tactics



► Police are looking for help identifying this man as they investigate a series of bank robberies.

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A reward has been doubled for the so-called "Vaulteur Bandit" after he physically attacked a bank employee in a robbery attempt this month.

The bandit, who has been known to jump over counters while committing bank robberies, is being sought in 17 cases in recent years.

He has committed robberies in Hamilton, York Region, Ottawa and Calgary.

In the past year, he has begun what police refer to as "takeover" robberies, in which he accosts a bank employee while he or she is opening the bank for business.

**"This is a personal crime, it's not an economic crime."**

BILL CRATE, HEAD OF THE CANADIAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION

He was successful in this method in Ottawa earlier this year, but has been foiled in two other attempts.

The latest attempt occurred at 6:45 a.m. on Dec. 14 at a TD Canada Trust branch in Vaughan, Ont. Police say the bandit was in the ATM part of the bank when an employee arrived to open the door.

He jumped at her and knocked her to the ground while he tried to gain access to the bank. However, he fled after another female employee who happened to be inside came to the door and kicked him in the stomach.

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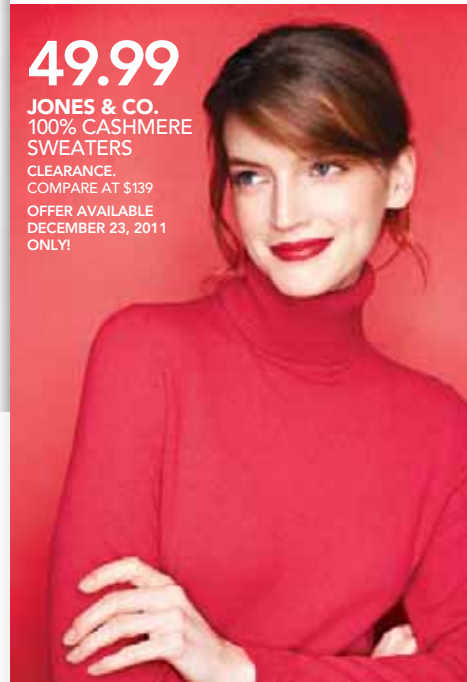
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# Layton is Canada's Newsmaker of the Year

► Late NDP leader won overwhelming majority of votes in two surveys — one by editors and news directors and another by the public online

John Gilbert Layton wore dozens of different name tags in his decades of public service: activist, guitarist, father and, finally, leader of the official Opposition.

Most knew the NDP leader by another name: Jack.

No other Canadian dominated the headlines like Layton in 2011, making him the clear choice for Newsmaker of the Year by editors and news directors participating in the annual survey of newsrooms across the country by The Canadian Press.

Layton received 90 per cent of the votes — one of the most overwhelming margins in the 65-year history of the CP Newsmaker voting. The next closest was Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who received just five per cent of the vote totals.

Also earning votes were Canada's new female premiers, the protesters at the heart of the Occupy Canada movement, former auditor general Sheila Fraser and the Grande Prairie Composite Warriors football team.

"Jack Layton single-handedly shaped Canada's political narrative in 2011, from the decimation of the Bloc Québécois, to the marginalization of the Liberal party, to the utter vacuum left on Parliament



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► No other Canadian dominated the headlines like Jack Layton in 2011.

Hill by his death," said Brodie Fenlon, senior news editor, The Huffington Post Canada.

"We watched the drama of this scrappy underdog, cane in hand, pulling off an astonishing victory only to be felled months later before he could truly make something of it."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Cherry a distant second

- Layton claimed half of the online votes cast, with hockey commentator Don Cherry a distant second at 16 per cent. Prime Minister Stephen Harper garnered 10 per cent of the vote, narrowly edging the Occupy Canada protesters at 9.5 per cent.
- Stratford, Ont., pop sensation Justin Bieber, who made tabloid headlines earlier this year when a fan named him in a paternity suit that she later dropped, rounded out the top five with 3.4 per cent of the vote.

# Chretien gets \$200,000 compensation

The Federal Court has ordered the government to pay \$200,000 each to former Liberal prime minister Jean Chretien and his late chief of staff — compensation for some of the legal costs they racked up fighting the findings of an inquiry into the sponsorship scandal.

The lump-sum payments, awarded last week by Judge Francois Lemieux, are the last chapter in a drawn-out court battle Chretien and Jean Pelletier waged against Justice John Gomery and the report he wrote on the scandal in 2005.

Pelletier died in 2009 due to complications from

colon cancer, but his estate continued to pursue the case in court.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's parliamentary secretary said the decision was disappointing, and that most Canadians would find the award "distasteful." The Conservatives have long called on the Liberal party to pay back \$43 million in missing taxpayer funds.

"That's stolen money that should have been repaid, and certainly it's our position that Jean Chretien should repay that \$200,000 to Canadians," said Dean Del Mastro. "It's stolen money, and I don't think Canadians have forgotten about it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IMPAIRED DRIVING

## Excuses that folks make ...

"I'm driving my drunk friends home. I've had less than all of them." That's one of the top excuses police have heard from impaired drivers this month.

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. put together the list to caution people on the best way to ensure a safe trip home from a holiday party.

"I can't be drunk ...

I'm the designated driver!" won't cut it, and neither will the other excuses police have heard: "I've only had a couple," "I can hold my liquor" and "I was only going two blocks."

ICBC says even a small amount of alcohol can cause impairment, and no matter how close a person is to home, they should think twice about drinking and driving.

The company says CounterAttack roadblocks will be up across the province during the holidays and no excuse will work if a person is driving while impaired.

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# Spanish lotto win gives tiny town needed boost

► One cash-strapped town has won the world's biggest lottery, raking in a combined \$940M US ► The top prize was split between 1,800 ticket holders

A tiny town of 2,000 in cash-strapped Spain found itself richer by \$940 million US on Thursday after scooping the top prize in the country's famed Christmas lottery.

Billed as the world's richest, the lottery dishes out some \$3.29 billion to winners across the country.

The top prize — dubbed El Gordo (The Fat One) — was split among the holders of tickets bearing the number 58268. The number appeared on 1,800 tickets, giving winners \$522,000 for their \$26 ticket.

The state lottery agency

said all 1,800 tickets with that number were sold in the town of Granen, located in the arid and barren northeastern Los Monegros area.

The news brought the town's residents out onto the street to dance, sing, hug each other and spray sparkling wine all over.

"It's brilliant!" Pilar Azagra, who runs the town's lottery store, told Spanish National Television. She appeared a bit stunned. "I haven't had time to react, the number came out and then people started flocking to the shop," she said, adding that many in her

family had bought tickets.

Azagra said the windfall was more than welcome as several companies in Granen had closed because of the economic crisis forcing many residents to seek employment in neighbouring towns and cities.

Spain is struggling to emerge from a near two-year recession that has left it with a eurozone-high 21.5 per cent unemployment rate.

Other lotteries have larger individual top prizes but El Gordo is ranked as the world's richest for the total sum paid out.

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## Lotto facts

► The Christmas lottery aims for a share-the-wealth system, rather than a single jackpot, and thousands of numbers yield at least some kind of return.

► Since it began in 1812, the Dec. 22 lottery has become a favourite holiday tradition.

► Spain holds another big lottery Jan. 6 to mark the Feast of the Epiphany. It is known as El Nino (The Child), in reference to the baby Jesus.

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► People celebrate winning a share in the top prize of Spain's Christmas lottery, known as El Gordo, in the town of Granen, around 300 kilometres from Madrid.

## News in pictures

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**1** People watch the sunrise at the northern winter solstice celebration at Stonehenge in Wiltshire on Dec. 22.

**2** Darragh O'Neill, 20, shovels snow into the face of his dog Kerry in Louisville, Colo., after a snowstorm cancelled dozens of flights.

**3** In this photo, 92-year-old Bernice Bates (the world's oldest yoga teacher) teaches yoga at Mainlands Retirement Community Center.

**4** People gather in front of the Palace of Culture and Science to celebrate Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights in Warsaw, Poland.

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# Wish comes true for girl who met Kate

► Dad says 6-year-old's cancer has gone into remission

The shy, bald little girl who charmed Prince William and Kate when they visited Calgary in the summer has received her Christmas wish.

Diamond Marshall's father says she had surgery this week and the biopsies have shown her cancer is in remission, though she still must undergo chemotherapy and a bone-marrow transplant next month.

Diamond's brief meeting with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on a windy July day brought many Canadians to tears.

The six-year-old, who is battling Stage 4 undifferentiated sarcoma, had asked the Children's Wish Foundation for a chance to meet "a real princess."

She not only got to meet Kate, she managed to get in a hug with her idol and present her with flowers.

Diamond will spend Christmas in hospital re-



► The Duchess of Cambridge hugs six-year-old Diamond Marshall as the Royal Couple arrives in Calgary on July 7.

**"This is a wonderful piece of news, especially at this time of year and we will be thinking of Diamond in the coming year."**

STATEMENT FROM WILL AND KATE

covering from the surgery, but her dad says they're all OK with that as long as they're together. If all

goes well, Diamond will be home for New Year's Eve.

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## CANCER AWARENESS

### Trouble over 'boobie' bracelet

Controversy is stirring at a Catholic school in

Woodstock, Ont., over bracelets supporting breast-cancer awareness.

The bracelets read "I Love Boobies" and a 13-year-old student at St. Rita's Catholic School has been put on in-school suspension over them.

Kelly Millson has been urged by his parents to continue wearing them at school, but he says he

is not allowed to be in class, in the hallways or anywhere other students are congregating.

But he did decide to take the bracelets off this week so he could go out for recess. School board superintendent Tamara Nugent says the decisions on dress code are made by each school's principal.

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# Bombers strike Baghdad

► Tensions rise in Iraq as attacks, mere days after U.S. forces leave, threaten stability in war-torn country ► Blasts hit 11 neighbourhoods, kill dozens

A wave of 16 bombings ripped across Baghdad Thursday, killing at least 69 people in the worst violence in Iraq for months. The apparently co-ordinated attacks struck days after the last American forces left the country and in the midst of a major government crisis between Shiite and Sunni politicians that has sent sectarian tensions soaring.

The bombings may be linked more to the U.S. withdrawal than the political crisis, but all together, the developments heighten fears of a new round of Shiite-Sunni sectarian bloodshed like the one a few years back that pushed Iraq to the brink of civil war.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. But the bombings bore all



► Iraqi security forces and people gather at the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad on Thursday.

the hallmarks of al-Qaida's Sunni insurgents. Most appeared to hit Shiite neighbourhoods, although some Sunni areas

were also targeted.

In all, 11 neighbourhoods were hit by either car bombs, roadside blasts or sticky bombs attached

## Deadly attack

- The deadliest attack was in the Karrada neighbourhood, where a suicide bomber blew himself up outside the office of a government agency.
- At least 14 blasts went off in the morning and two more in the evening.
- Two police officers at the scene said the bomber was driving an ambulance and told guards that he needed to get to a nearby hospital. After the guards let him through, he drove to the building where he blew himself up, the officers said.

to cars. There was at least one suicide bombing and the blasts went off over several hours.

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# France's genocide bill upsets Turkey

French lawmakers easily passed a measure Thursday to make it a crime to deny the mass killings of Armenians in 1915 by Ottoman Turks amounted to genocide. Turkey swiftly retaliated, ordering its ambassador home and halting official contacts, including some military co-operation.

Within hours of the vote on the bill, which would penalize those who deny the genocide, Turkey suspended joint military

## Friend or foe?

► Turkey, a NATO member, is a strategic ally of France and a valued trading partner, and the moves diminish ties at a particularly crucial time. Paris and Ankara are both deeply involved in international issues from the uprising in Syria to Afghanistan.

manoeuvres and restricting French military flights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Israel drops Gaza flotilla charges

Israel's attorney general has decided not to prosecute Israelis who participated in a Gaza-bound flotilla that was raided a

year ago.

The suspects included an Israeli-Arab lawmaker and an Islamist leader.

Nine pro-Palestinian Turkish activists were killed when Israeli naval commandos stormed the Gaza-bound ships. The raid prompted an international outcry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Canada's top 10 weather stories

## ► Devastating floods and fires lead Environment Canada's list of biggest weather events of 2011

Fires and floods of almost biblical proportions that forced thousands from their homes and cut a swath of destruction through several communities took a heavy toll on

Canadians this year, says one of the country's lead climatologists.

While those disasters weren't as deadly as the Japanese tsunami or the violent weather that battered

the U.S., they wore down Canadians and cost the country billions, said David Phillips, senior climatologist with Environment Canada, who released his list of the top 10 weather stories of 2011 Thursday.

"We were getting our own fair share of misery, hardship and misfortune from the weather," he said. "There have been tough years but I think this one, in many ways, has been difficult from an expensive point of view and the extreme aspect of it."

The floods that swamped parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba were "unprecedented on so many fronts," placing them in the top spot, Phillips said.

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### Weather's top 10

- 1 Historic floods in Saskatchewan and Manitoba
- 2 Wildfires at Slave Lake
- 3 Richelieu River floods
- 4 Challenging growing season for farmers
- 5 Tornado in Goderich
- 6 Hurricanes in Atlantic region
- 7 Summer a mixed bag of weather
- 8 Arctic sea ice near record low
- 9 Groundhog Day blizzard
- 10 High winds rip through southern Alberta

## Stranded woman ate candy bars

A U.S. university student said she had nothing to eat but two candy bars while her car was stuck in the snow for nine days in a remote area of Arizona.

Twenty-three-year-old Lauren Weinberg was seen leaving her mother's home Dec. 11.

Coconino County sheriff's spokesman Gerry Blair said she was driving around with no destination when she came to a dirt road near cliffs that divide the state's high country from the desert. Her car became stuck after she stopped to try to open a gate.

Weinberg told a sheriff's deputy she put snow in a water bottle and placed it on the car so it would melt, Blair said.

She did not have a heavy coat or blankets. She had a cellphone but the battery was dead.

Two U.S. Forest Service employees found her nine days later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Brazil. Fire



► A firefighter rescues a dog from a fire in the shantytown Favela do Moinho in Sao Paulo.

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## Shantytown blaze

The fire started on Thursday in a vacant building and spread to the shantytown where about 200 homes were destroyed and one person was found dead, according to local media reports.

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# File it under bad gift ideas

- Company apologizes for labelling Mein Kampf as a 'perfect present'
- Found in store's politics section

A British bookstore chain has apologized after promoting Adolf Hitler's Mein Kampf as the "perfect present" for Christmas.

Waterstone's issued an apology after several people spotted the anti-Semitic tome at a store in Huddersfield in West Yorkshire with a sales sticker saying the book is "the perfect present" and "essential gift for anyone

seeking to understand one of history's most despicable figures. A shocking read and vital warning for future generations."

The online version of the U.K.'s Jewish Chronicle newspaper reports seeing copies of the book displayed in Manchester, Cheshire and Liverpool.

A Waterstone's spokesperson told the Chronicle that the large

bookstore chain doesn't actively promote the book and its customers "are capable of forming their own opinions on whether to purchase it or not."

"You do raise a couple of instances where we have obviously got things wrong. The book should not be stocked in any politics section," the spokesperson said.

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► A copy of Mein Kampf

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## Odd news. Kids



► Twins Danielle, right, and Nicole Fisher, 23, delivered baby boys 13 minutes apart at Virtua Hospital Tuesday.

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## Double trouble

Danielle and Nicole Fisher were in adjacent rooms in the same New Jersey hospital when they had their boys within 13 minutes of each other. Their due dates were a month apart. The women were born within 12 minutes of each other 23 years ago.

## Toy jewels recalled by Health Canada

Health Canada is recalling more children's jewelry products after a sampling program turned up excessive lead in the products.

One recall involves metallic heart-shaped pendants and plastic bracelets imported from China and sold by Toy Land Co. of Vancouver.

The other involves a Writer's Block necklace with love, peace and globe charms made by Jude M Designs of India and sold in Canada by Liquidation World Inc. of Brantford, Ont. Consumers should immediately take any recalled jewelry products away from children and dispose of them after contacting their municipality for instructions on disposing items containing lead.

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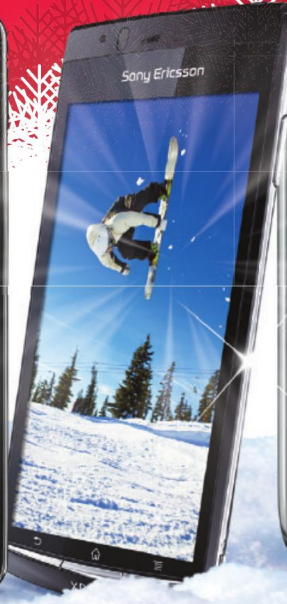
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► A man tries to catch a ride to Namur, Belgium, while trade-union members block a main boulevard in Brussels on Thursday. A 24-hour pre-Christmas public-sector strike to protest pension reform hit rail, road and bus traffic across Belgium.

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## Protest hinders holiday travellers

Holiday strikes to protest austerity measures paralyzed ground traffic in Belgium, delayed flights in Paris, and promised days of headaches for Christmas travellers around Europe.

## TSX regulator plans to expedite enforcement

► Ottawa can have national regulator with support of all provinces ► Quebec, Alberta and B.C. not on board

Canada's largest stock market watchdog is moving ahead with plans to speed up enforcement and says it will be business as usual with other provinces after the Supreme Court scrapped a planned national securities regulator.

Ontario Securities Commission chairman Howard Wetston said Thursday the regulator is focused on the best interests of its own investors and companies,

though it will review a Supreme Court ruling that quashed the federal plan.

The regulator of Canada's dominant stock exchange — the TSX — has been developing new rules aimed at speeding up enforcement for securities law cases such as insider trading that drag on for years.

"We are currently dealing with important policy, enforcement, market infrastructure and other matters

that will require our full commitment," Wetston said in a statement.

The Supreme Court turned down Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's plan as unconstitutional, which effectively puts an end to a years-long push for a unified body to oversee capital markets.

Canada is the only country in the G20 without a national securities regulator.

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## Consumers reluctant to purchase big-ticket items

The Conference Board of Canada's latest consumer confidence numbers are back to where they were around the height of the 2008-2009 recession, a troubling sign of what's to come for the economy in 2012.

The Ottawa think-tank said Thursday its Index of Consumer Confidence posted a 6.5-point drop in December, bringing 2011 to a "disappointing" close and signalling that further belt-tightening by Canadians.

"We've always seen a link between the consumer confidence level today and consumer spending six months down the road," said board economist Todd Crawford in an interview.

Canadians tend to think their economy is based mainly on exports — and those do play a big role — but a decline in consumer spending is not to be taken lightly, Crawford said.

"I think that's why most

people, and certainly us, are expecting (gross domestic product) growth in Canada to slow over the next two to three quarters."

At 69.9, the index is at its lowest point in more than two and a half years and down 11.1 points from the end of 2010.

The board uses a 2002 base of 100 in compiling the index, which reflects how Canadians feel about the economy, job creation, future major purchases and their personal finances.

The board said opinion eroded on all four questions, but responses to the major purchases question were particularly gloomy.

In December, just 34.1 per cent of respondents said now is a good time to buy a big-ticket item, down 1.9 percentage points from November and the eighth consecutive monthly decline. More worrisome is that 54 per cent said now is

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a bad time to make a major purchase, up 3.5 percentage points from last month and more than 10 points higher than a year ago.

More than 27 per cent of respondents said they expected fewer jobs — the highest level since 2009.

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## Saskatoon buys X-rated domains

The City of Saskatoon has purchased six Internet domain names ending in .xxx, including Saskatoon.xxx, which were created for the adult entertainment industry. Kevin Peacock with the city says it's about protecting the brand and image of Saskatoon. The domain names cost taxpayers nearly \$1,000 to hold for two years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## EU debt crisis ups German immigration

Figures show that immigration to Germany from countries hard hit by Europe's economic woes rose sharply in the first six months of the year. The statistical office says the number of Greek citizens moving to Germany rose by 84 per cent to about 8,900, while the number of Spaniards from January to June rose 49 per cent to 7,250. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Earnings up across Canada: StatsCan

Average weekly earnings of non-farm payroll employees increased 1.4 per cent to \$885.36 in October. Statistics Canada reports average weekly earnings were up 2.7 per cent from a year earlier. The agency says the average work week was unchanged from October 2010 at 33.0 hours. Earnings rose in every province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Household debt, pricey housing threaten Canadian economy: IMF

A combination of high household debt, overpriced housing and external economic problems are putting Canada's recovery at risk, the International Monetary Fund is warning.

The most serious risk is the global environment, particularly the potential for Europe's sovereign debt issues to spiral out of control. That view is shared by

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

The situation may be made worse because households are carrying high loads of debt — 153 per cent of disposable income in the latest data — and, the IMF says, Canadian homes are on average 10 per cent overpriced.

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**1 Royal wedding:** Two billion people watched Will and Kate tie the knot — and Pippa Middleton's derriere become world famous.

**2 Steve Jobs:** The visionary Apple co-founder died at age 56, having led a dramatic cultural and technological transformation.

**3 Lindsay Lohan:** Lohan salvaged a terrible year with the law — and her career — by appearing on Playboy's bestselling cover (which also made Playboy relevant again).

**4 Lady Gaga:** She arrived at the Grammys being carried in a huge egg. Which is what you do when you're trying really hard to be cool.

**5 Ashton Kutcher & Demi Moore:** They break up — and in keeping with relationship etiquette in the Social Media Age, unfollow each other on Twitter.

**6 Kim Kardashian:** The woman famous for no reason has a marriage that only lasts 72 days for some reason. Oh yeah — it was her naked yoga instructor.

**7 Weinergate:** Congressman Anthony Weiner tweets a photo of his penis by mistake, resulting in countless "wiener" jokes, a scandal — and, naturally, his resignation.

**8 Margaret Atwood:** A public feud between Atwood and Toronto city councillor Doug Ford (Mayor Rob's older bro) leads to a cheeky "Atwood for Mayor" campaign.

**9 Amy Winehouse:** Joins the "27 club," a group of seminal musicians like Kurt Cobain, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison who died at age 27.

**10 Martha Stewart:** Martha Stewart tweets, "Do you think I am hip?" That's one of the tweets of the year.

**11 Kate Gosselin:** Her reality show is cancelled, and her kids now live in peace. As one blog noted, "(The kids) know not the craven greed machine they were plugged into."

**12 Tim Tebow:** The devout Christian NFL QB with an unorthodox throwing style who people keep saying will fail just keeps winning. And Tebowmania and "Tebowing" goes viral.

**13 Charlie Sheen:** After getting fired from Two and a Half Men, the troubled Sheen launches a bizarre Violent Torpedo Of Truth tour. Thankfully, he's off whatever Kool-Aid he was on.

**14 @bronxzoocobra:** A cobra escapes a zoo and someone creates a hilarious Twitter account that goes viral, tweeting its time on the run. (Other awesome Twitter accounts like @S-tGirlsSay also go viral this year.)

**15 Piers Morgan:** Morgan replaces the legendary Larry King on CNN but has the makings of a legend himself with his intelligent hardball-with-a-cheeky-grin Q & A style.

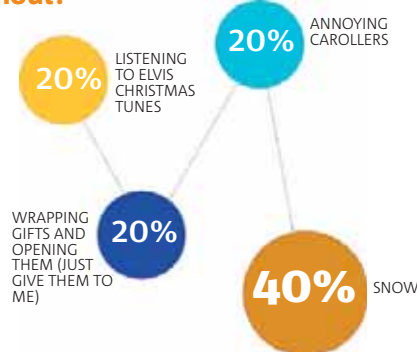
**16 Kissing Couple:** During the riots in Vancouver, post-NHL final, an image of a couple lying on a tear-gas-filled street having a tender kiss with riot police around gets circulated throughout the world — becoming one of 2011's iconic images.

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What holiday tradition could you do without?



### Local tweets



► @laserdeathstehr: Just

back from visiting the Ottawa food bank with some of my@macadianlabs co-workers. Great to see how the money we raised will be used!

► @joeboughner: Things I learned today: 1) Ottawa has a Swatch store; 2) Said store does well enough to support storefront on Sparks; 3) Swatch still exists

► @FedoraForMe: Cranber-

ries don't get enuff luv! RT @thstellas: I'm eating cranberries tonight!! The turkey is just a platform to get to the cranberries :)

► @hello\_mcee: Self, even turkey dinners aren't worth ignoring your pota-to allergy. SO ILL NOW :(

► @ryanpaulgibson: We all know someone struggling this year. Operation Big Turkey wants to help. Also: Best charity name ever <http://t.co/ILDRUUH2> #ottawa

## The karate keeper



### Goalie and 'fan' clash on pitch

AMSTERDAM. Film buffs will say he took those moves straight out of 2001 martial-arts/sports movie mashup Shaolin Soccer. This striking image shows goalie Esteban Alvarado Brown, right, of AZ Alkmaar retaliate as he is attacked by a football hooligan during the Dutch cup match between Ajax and AZ Alkmaar.

● METRO WORLD NEWS

### "He walked to (the hooligan) and kicked him multiple times."

BAS NIJHUIS, REFEREE,  
ON WHY HE SENT OFF ALVARADO



### How the kung fu soccer unfolded

TIMELINE. The drunk Ajax "fan," 19, invaded the pitch and launched a flying kick towards the Costa Rican goalkeeper. Alvarado lashed out a series of his own kicks before security dragged the supporter away. After the goalie was given a red card for misconduct, Alkmaar's angry coach Gertjan Verbeek ordered his team to leave the pitch. ● METRO WORLD NEWS





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# Keeping a tab on technology

Flat, hard packages will be welcome this year. Tablet computers are extremely popular, and electronic reading devices such as the Kindle have matured and come down in price.

Which one to get? That's mostly a matter of your budget. The iPad and other full-blown tablets are more expensive, but they do virtually everything better. Consider pooling money from friends or family for a better device.

If you have more than \$300 to spend, go for one of these full-size tablets. They have colour screens that are about nine inches diagonally, and they have built-in cameras.

## Apple 16GB iPad 2 (\$498.99 at Future Shop)

The device that made tablet computing mainstream still reigns, out-selling all others combined. It's thinner than competing tablets and has access to an unparalleled array of applications: Half a million, of which 140,000 are adapted for the iPad's 9.7-inch screen. That means more good games, more useful reference apps and more entertainment options. The range of third-party book apps also means the iPad beats dedicated e-readers at their own game by giving users the ability to read books purchased from any store. The large screen displays documents comfortably.

## Sony S1 16GB Tablet (\$399.99 at Best Buy)

There are a slew of tablets



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\* The Apple iPad 2.

from Samsung, Sony, LG and other manufacturers built around Google Inc.'s Android software. From a hardware standpoint, they are not much different from the iPad, though most of them are thicker, and they are available in a range of sizes.

The Tablet S stands out by including an infrared emitter, which makes it usable as a large universal remote control. It also plays some PlayStation games. It has a 9.4-inch screen, slightly smaller than the iPad's. It runs the latest version of Android, which is specially designed for tablets and is slick.

## ASUS 10.1" Eee Pad Transformer, 16GB (\$346 at Wal-Mart)

The Transformer is a reasonably priced Android tablet that doubles as a "netbook," or small laptop, if you buy an accessory keyboard dock for \$109. You can get an accessory keyboard for any tablet, but the Transformer's attaches securely, and the combination folds up like a laptop. The keyboard has a touchpad, extra ports



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\* A model plays a game on Sony's new Tablet S during a launch event in Tokyo.



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\* The new Barnes & Noble Nook Tablet.

and an additional power pack, which prolongs battery life.

## For those willing to travel

If you only want to spend \$200 US to \$250 US, go for one of these e-reader/tablet hybrids, which aren't yet available in Canada. They add

movies, games and other applications to the e-reader's capabilities, so they are not just for bookworms.

## Amazon Kindle Fire (\$199 US)

The Fire is Amazon's first colour Kindle. It runs a highly modified, user-friendly version of Android. The selection of apps is smaller than for other Android tablets, however. Notable inclusions are Netflix, Hulu and Comixology, a comic-book reader.

## Barnes & Noble Nook Tablet (\$249 US)

The bookstore's answer to the Kindle Fire is an updated version of last year's Nook Color, a solid and successful e-reader. The Tablet has more memory than the Color or the Kindle Fire, and you can add even more.



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\* The Amazon Kindle Touch 3G.

If your budget is limited to \$150, you will be tempted by some low-end colour tablets. But giving one away is like giving away a lump of coal: The colour touch screens that go into sub-\$200 devices look bad and have problems responding to fingers.

Instead, get one of these lightweight, quality e-read-



CHIANG YING-YING/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE  
\* The Asus Eee Pad Transformer.

ers with black-and-white "electronic ink" screens for the bookworm in your life.

## Amazon Kindle Touch 3G (\$149 US)

Amazon still has a variety of monochrome Kindles, including its first touch-screen model. The screen is more legible than colour screens in bright daylight and uses very little power. But it's slow to respond, making navigation tedious. The lack of colour takes the joy out of children's books, magazines and comics. The device's touch sensitivity does make navigation easier.

## Barnes & Noble Nook Simple Touch (\$99 US)

This slim, light e-reader is very similar to the \$99 non-3G Kindle Touch. Barnes & Noble's version has two advantages: It doesn't display advertising, and it can load books from other bookstores, including Google Books. It can't load Kindle books, though.

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# Seasonal Cheer



## ► Your wine and spirits guide



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Buying a bottle of booze as a gift is easy, right?

Buying the right bottle; now there's the challenge. Whether you have a wine, beer or spirit lover on your list one of these liquid gems is guaranteed to please.

### White Owl Whisky (\$34.95-\$39.99)

Sure, while Canadian spirits are usually

brown, this unique blend of aged whiskies is filtered clear without losing any of its rich, rounded flavours.



### St-Germain Liqueur (\$44.42-\$59.99)

This wine lover's liqueur is made with French hand-picked elderflower blossoms. Soft and refreshing, it's a perfect in-

gredient for champagne cocktails on Christmas morning.

### Masi 2007 Costasera Amarone Classico (\$38.95-\$49.99)

Is there a red wine that appeals to every palate? I say it's Amarone. Made with dried grapes it's the ideal conversation vino that speaks volumes all by itself.

### Crystal Head Vodka (\$44.98-\$59.95)

OK, a skull-shaped bottle may not scream happy holidays, but this diamond-filtered neutral spirit — designed by Ghostbuster

Dan Aykroyd — will add some seasonal magic to any vodka cocktail.

### Veuve Clicquot Brut Champagne Ice Jacket (\$65.15-\$69)

Veuve's non-vintage yel-

low-labelled bubbly is a standard. Add a neoprene slip cover that will keep the passion juice cold for up to two hours and you are talking perfection.



### St-Rémy à la Crème Liqueur (\$24.85-\$28.98)

Cream liqueurs are a holiday

essential and this one — made with a base of St-Rémy brandy — has a sexy creaminess that marries perfectly with its smooth alcohol base.

### Skate Whisky (\$49.98-\$49.99)

You will score with any Canadian whisky loving hockey fan gifting this spirit that's smooth and subtle on the inside and classically kitschy (in a good way) on the outside.

### Wyche Wood Bah Humbug Christmas Ale (\$3.50-\$5.29)

Ebenezer Scrooge's sour puss may be on the label, but this malty English ale will have the beer fans carolling.

### The Kraken Black Spiced Rum (\$26.99-\$34.99)

Eggnog, meet your match. Dark, black and spicy, The Kraken unleashes major flavours that are exceptionally mixable and darn tasty on their own, too.

### Taylors Fladgate Scion Tawny Port (\$3,495.99)

The wine for this once-in-a-lifetime tipples has been aged in barrels since 1855. Thought to be the last of its kind, there is no better way to say Merry Christmas.

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Clockwise from top: St-Germain Liqueur; Masi 2007 Costasera Amarone Classico; The Kraken Black Spiced Rum; St-Rémy à la Crème Liqueur; Crystal Head Vodka; Skate Whisky; and Taylors Fladgate Scion Tawny Port.

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'Tis the season to be frazzled. Luckily if you're equipped with a smartphone, you have help. While you can use your device to Google nearby stores, videotape holiday concerts or check the weather, there's much more your smartphone can do to help you get things wrapped up before Christmas morning.

### THE WISH LIST

Use your Mobility mobile phone's notes option to put together a final list of

items you still need to buy. Or, download the Free Christmas List (Android) or Gift Organizer (\$3.99, BlackBerry) app to keep track. Both apps help organize your list and add in gift ideas, while the Card Star app (free, Android) can help manage your loyalty program cards.

Not sure if that electric drill is a good deal? The *Consumer Reports* Mobile Shopper 2012 app (free, BlackBerry; \$4.89, Android) lets you compare ratings, reviews and feedback on products. Goods are searchable via a database or barcode scan. Better yet, if you have an Android phone, add the Red Laser Barcode & QR Scanner app or the Google Shopper app (both free) to search for deals.

Not sure about a gift? While you can call to discuss gift options over your device, many texting options also allow you to attach pics so your boyfriend can 'yay' or 'nay' that gift for his mom.

### GETTING AROUND TOWN

Since you can't surf the web while driving, get one of your passengers to pull up Mapquest on their phone's browser or use their BlackBerry's GPS to help direct you to stores or a holiday party. But did you know that the Android Beat the Traffic app (free) or BlackBerry Traffic (free) app will give you the scoop on what's happening on the roads before you even head out? Once you're close to where you are going, pull over and use the BestParking app (free, Android) to help navigate a parking deal — be it through the nearest location or the cheapest lot available.

### ENTERTAINING WAYS

Never sure which Chardonnay to bring to the party? Download Nat Decants Wine Reviews Pairings Recipes (free, BlackBerry)/Natalie Maclean Wine Picks (free, Android) to find out what your sommelier-wannabe boss might

enjoy. Wine expert Maclean offers a guide of wines to bring, and you can even scan a bottle to get a review of tastings and prices.

If you're hosting the party and are in need of a recipe refresher, use your phone to watch your favourite TV chefs cooking up your favourite dish on YouTube. Or, download the Epicurious Recipe app (free, Android)/Food Network Canada Mobile (free, BlackBerry) for recipes available through searchable databases.

### PICTURE THIS

Bye-bye bulky video cameras! Most new smartphones come equipped with cameras and video cameras that capture share-worthy memories. Any last minute holiday greetings you need to send? The Canada Post app (free, Android/BlackBerry) offers some holiday card help — it can turn a photo on your phone into a postcard Canada Post will print and mail for you.

## ENJOY THE SEASON WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE

The line-ups just before Christmas can be unbelievable, and with kids in tow, you'd better find a way to keep them busy. Hand the kids your mobile phone or suggest they use their own to try a few games of Solitaire. Better yet, download one of these apps to reduce stress and have a bit of fun!

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little elephant is convinced he's a reindeer and takes a run at your phone screen.

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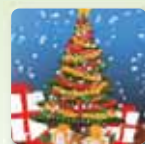
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## Synopsis

Since first being published in December 1843 Charles Dickens's story of Ebenezer Scrooge's emotional transformation from hoarder to Ho Ho-er has been presented in many forms. A Christmas Carol has been adapted into opera, ballet, a Broadway musical and even a mime show starring Marcel Marceau. On film there have been at least 28 versions of the story and dozens more for television. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the best big screen versions of the classic story.



► A Christmas Carol remains a popular story to put to film — with at least 28 versions out there.

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# Bah, humbug!

- Sim, Murray and Carrey have all played the miser who finds redemption
- Crouse and Breslin debate the best movie version of A Christmas Carol

**Richard:** Mark, there is only one must-see out of all the dozens of film and TV versions of the Charles Dickens classic and that's the 1951 Alastair Sim version. Nearly perfect in every way, it is a tale of redemption that confirms the fundamental spiritual nature of Christmas itself. In other words, it makes us feel good. Accept no substitutes. If, however, you've already seen it this year or you're allergic to black and white movies, there are alternatives.

**MB:** Richard, you are so right. The movie HAS to be in black and white to

make us feel the spirit of Dickensian deprivation. It's the classic. But growing up in a Jewish household, it didn't have any importance to me as a child. I discovered it much later, and was transfixed by its narrative power and perfectly gloomy mood. May I contrast this with the Jim Carrey version? Now that's a movie with no sense of mystery, and a buffoonish interpretation of the lead character. I feel sorry for children who grow up with this bloated, CGI-laden excuse for a classic. Richard, please don't tell me you like it!

**RC:** Before I saw the Jim Carrey version of A Christmas Carol I wondered why remake a story that has been done so often and so well in the past. I've seen it and I'm still wondering. The weirdly lifeless animation was creepy, akin to a Christmas story performed by zombies.

**MB:** Let me praise Bill Murray's version Scrooged. It's far from authentic, light years away from Dickens, but it makes its points in a very modern way. Bill Murray is great in it, and the writing is sharp and satirical. Setting it in the milieu of the television industry

obviously changes the mood of the original, but as long as you see the movie as an interesting and successful riff upon the original story, and not as a substitute for it, it's a great movie for the season.

**RC:** I agree. It's become a must see for me every year. Although I don't have to see The Muppets Christmas Carol every year, it is a treat to see Michael Caine as Scrooge. I also like the musical Scrooge with Albert Finney in the lead.

**MB:** I've never seen it! I sure hope they gave Tiny Tim a tap solo.

## Scene in brief



If you're experiencing a joy overload on Christmas Day, revel in some apocalyptic fare at the movie theatre. The Darkest Hour opens Dec. 25. The film follows five people in Moscow fighting an alien race who have attacked Earth via our power supply.

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**We Bought a Zoo****Genre:** Comedy**Director:** Cameron Crowe**Stars:** Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson, Thomas Haden Church

🌐🌐🌐 Cameron Crowe might not seem on surface the first choice for a family friendly comedy, but a closer look at his work — from *Almost Famous* to *Jerry Maguire* — proves otherwise. Crowe's pictures almost always deal with family situ-

ations, mostly unorthodox, but always gripped by truth and sentimentality. His adaptation of the best-selling book, *We Bought a Zoo*, is really just another Crowe joint: melancholy yet joyous, optimistic and truthful. Matt Damon is in fine form as the still-aching widow who moves his two children to a dilapidated country zoo and he's matched by Scarlett Johansen as a feisty zookeeper. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

**War Horse****Genre:** Drama**Director:** Steven Spielberg**Stars:** Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson

🌐🌐🌐 A book-turned-play-turned Steven Spielberg epic, *War Horse* is a manipulated but multilayered telling of the First World War through the eyes of a tempestuous thoroughbred. Combin-

ing several characters from both sides of the battle, Spielberg overextends his focus on sentimentality but as he's proved in *Saving Private Ryan*, nobody crafts cinematic combat scenes better and the auteur succeeds most notably with a stunningly filmed cavalry charge that outlines the harrowing carnage of war. **STEVE GOW**

**The Artist****Genre:** Drama**Director:** Michel Hazanavicius**Stars:** Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo, John Goodman

🌐🌐🌐 Black and white; silent; set in silent-era Hollywood; and subtitled, *The Artist* may not scream mainstream must see, but it's one of the year's most gloriously memorable films. This French jewel is magical, pure and dreamy on

the surface, blazing emotion and irrevocable change underneath. Dujardin is Valentin, the toast of Tinseltown, a matinee idol who charms the birds out of the fake trees that line Mulholland Drive. But he's about to lose it all if he can't make the cut to sound. *The Artist* feels like a fairy tale, something you're watching in a theatre and it is 1927. **ANNE BRODIE**

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# Top 10 TIFF films of 2011

- Find out who made the list for the top movies of 2011 from TIFF
- Did your favourite make the list?

Now that Santa's naughty and nice list has been put away for another year, it's time to have a look at another list, Canada's Top 10, the Toronto International Film Festival's annual tally of the best Canadian features. In alphabetical order, here are the winners as chosen by a panel of industry experts.

## Café de flore

The main pleasure in this story about the uncompromising power of true love is watching Vanessa Paradis throw glamour out the window and deliver a gritty, but lovingly rendered performance as a protective mother.

**A Dangerous Method**

Here two pioneering psychoanalysts, played by Michael Fassbender and Viggo Mortensen, have a falling out over an intelligent, beautiful but troubled patient (Keira Knightley). The movie is an enticing stew of psychosexuality and repression that challenges commonly held beliefs about what is normal and what is not.

## Edwin Boyd

The story of Canada's John Dillinger is an entertaining romp through three decades in the life of a notorious homegrown folk hero.

## Hobo With a Shotgun

This is like what would have happened if Roger



► Monsieur Lazhar makes the list of TIFF favourites from 2011.

Corman made Death Wish with a fake blood budget the size of a James Cameron movie.

## Keyhole

Guy Maddin's homage to 1930's gangster melodramas is exactly what we expect from the eccentric

director. It's an expressionistic, beautifully grotesque story that demands multiple viewings.

## Marécages

This lush looking story of the hardships of rural life and keeping a family together is slow moving but

rewarding.

## Monsieur Lazhar

Canada's official entry to the Oscar race, this schoolroom drama — think To Sir with Love, with a suicide subplot — is one of the best films of the year, Canadian or otherwise.

## Starbuck

A charming movie about a man — winningly played by Patrick Huard — who discovers his sperm bank donations unwittingly made him the father of 533 children, 142 of whom have filed a class action lawsuit to learn their biological father's real identity.

## Take This Waltz

This second feature from director Sarah Polley is a bittersweet Canadian kitchen sink drama about being trapped in a marriage with someone who can't speak his mind.

## Le Vendeur

This looks at what happens to life in a small town when the largest employer is about to shut down. It is a Main Street drama seen through the eyes of a kindly car salesman.

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# Top 5 ladies to look out for

## GINA CARANO

How does a mixed martial-artist end up as the lead in a Steven Soderbergh indie spy thriller? And with a supporting cast that includes acting heavyweights Ewan McGregor, Michael Fassbender and Michael Douglas? She kicks ass, obviously.



### Did you know?

▶ "It's so satisfying watching her beat the (expletive) out of the cast," Soderbergh told The

Playlist blog about Carano.

▶ He caught her on TV one night and thought, Why has no one made a movie with her?

## ELIZABETH OLSEN

▶ The Olsen Twins' younger sister got a major headstart in 2011 with her impressive performance in indie cult film Martha Marcy May Marlene and this thoughtful, wide-eyed actress will continue the momentum with Liberal Arts, written and directed by How I Met Your Mother star Josh Radnor. She'll also appear in the horror flick Silent House (March 9) and paranormal thriller Red Lights alongside Robert De Niro and Cillian Murphy.



## LILY COLLINS

▶ The spawn of Sussudio impresario Phil Collins already had her coming out party in 2011 with roles in Abduction and Priest. This year the 22-year-old has a starring role in Tarsem Singh's lighthearted take on the Snow White fairytale in Mirror Mirror (March 16th) co-starring Julia Roberts, along with prominent roles in The English Teacher co-starring Julianne Moore and sci-fi film The Mortal Instrument.

## ANDREA RISEBOROUGH

▶ Thank the Material Girl herself, Madonna, for bringing this English Rose to the forefront in 2012. Riseborough will start off the year with her lauded performance in Madge-directed feature W.E. (Feb. 3) as controversial paramour to King Edward the 8th, Wallis Simpson. She'll stay at the forefront with IRA thriller Shadow Dancer, as well as Disconnect, co-starring True Blood babe Alexander Skarsgard and Jason Bateman — finishing it off with English crime thriller Welcome to the Punch.



## TAYLOR SCHILLING

▶ Oh, to star in a Nicholas Sparks book adaptation. Though she may've been the lead in failed TV show Mercy and dead-on-arrival Atlas Shrugged: Part One as lead character Dagny Taggart, somebody in Hollywood has some faith in this American 27-year-old. She's been cast opposite Zac Efron in The Lucky One (April 20), a romance about an Iraq war veteran who goes in search of the woman whose photo became his good luck charm while fighting in the war. Schilling will also star in Ben Affleck-directed political thriller Argo in 2012.



# And let's not forget the guys ...



## MICHAEL FASSBENDER

▶ We're not going to hide our partiality to this Irish-German export, 34, who was ubiquitous in 2011 with an impressive four releases,

including X-Men: First Class and Jane Eyre. His upcoming spy flick with director Steven Soderbergh, Haywire (Jan. 20), combined with all the awards-season buzz he's been getting for his performance in 2011's Shame will propel Fassbender to A-List by the time his sci-fi film Prometheus, a semi-sequel to Alien, is released in the summer (June 8).



## CHRIS DIAMANTOPOULOS

▶ We finally learned how to spell Galifianakis, so it's about time another

comedic actor with an impossibly lengthy Greek last name take the scene by storm. Audiences first got to meet D-what's-his-face on the American sitcom Up All Night but the Greco-Canadian actor will get even more exposure this spring (April 13) with the release of The Three Stooges, in which he plays Moe, the only Stooge with a passable haircut.



## JOSH HUTCHERSON

▶ This 19-year-old actor has been working steadily in Hollywood, but it'll be the March 23 release of the highly anticipated film adaptation of The Hunger

Games that makes him a star. While we can't promise he'll be the next Robert Pattinson — sorry, RPatz will always have a special vampire lair in our hearts — the series' rabid fanbase will give Hutcherson a fast pass to megastardom. Especially because it's a romantic lead. (For younger kids, he's also in 2012's Journey 2: The Mysterious Island.)



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► The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey is probably the most anticipated film of 2012. Peter Jackson and old friends reunite in this prequel, which is due in December.

# Year of the superhero?

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### The Avengers

After great turns in their own films in 2011, Captain America (Chris Evans) and Thor (Chris Hemsworth) join up with Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner) and the Hulk (Mark Ruffa-

lo) for the ensemble flick Marvel Studios has been building to since Samuel L. Jackson popped up after the credits of 2008's Iron Man. And while the first trailer might just look like an ad for Iron Man 3, having director Joss Whedon (Buffy the Vampire Slayer) at the helm is keeping hopes high. Due in May.

### The Hunger Games and Twilight finale

With the Twilight saga wrapping up at the end of 2012, all eyes are on Lionsgate's adaptation of Suzanne Collins' bestselling teen dystopia to fill the void. There are three books in the Hunger Games series, but if the first movie is a hit, don't be surprised if the latter chapters start getting split up into multiple films. Jennifer Lawrence stars. Due in March.



### The Amazing Spider-Man

Exactly 10 years after Tobey Maguire first crawled up his first wall, the web-slinger saga is starting over, this time with Andrew Garfield (The Social Network) suiting up as Spider-Man and director Marc Webb (500 Days of Summer) behind the camera. The new version promises to be darker and grittier than the last run, but with Spider-Man 3 just five years behind it, will audiences be interested in the franchise reboot? Due in July.

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## BYTOWNE CINEMA

325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

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**The Help** (PG) Fri 8:55 Sat 12:30 Mon 6:10

No Films Showing Today (STC) Sun

## CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE

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## CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE

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**Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure** (STC) Fri 10-11:10-11:45-12:55 1:30-2:40-3:50 Sat 10-11:10-11:45-12:55 Mon-Wed  
10-11:10-11:45-12:55 1:30-2:40-3:50 Thu 10-11:10-11:45-12:55 1:30-2:40-3:50 5:10-5:45-6:55 Fri 10:35-12:20-2:05-3:15 Sat 10:35-12:20 Mon-Wed 10:35-12:20-2:05-3:15 Thu 10:35-12:20-2:05-3:15 4:35-6:20

## CENTRETOWN MOVIES

Dundonald Park, 512 Somerset St. W., 613-232-1534, centertownmovies.org

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## COLISEUM OTTAWA

3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

**The Adventures of Tintin 3D** (PG) No Passes Fri 1:20-4:20-7:40-9:40 No Passes Sat 1:20-4:20-7:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:40**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri 12:40-1:30-2:50-4:30-5:7:30-9:45 Sat 12:40-1:30-2:50-4:30-5:7:30 Sun-Thu 12:40-1:30-2:50-4:30-5:7:30-9:45**Arthur Christmas** (G) Fri-Thu 12:35  
**The Darkest Hour 3D** (PG) Sun-Thu 1-4:6-35-9:20**Don 2 3D** (14A) Fri 12:20-3:40-6:55-10:15 Sat 12:20-3:40-6:55 Sun-Thu 12:20-3:40-6:55-10:15**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) No Passes Fri 3:10-6:40-10:05 No Passes Sat 3:10-6:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 3:10-6:40-10:05**Hansel and Gretel: Met Opera Holiday Encore** (STC) Thu 11**Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri 12:25-3:20-6:35-9:20 Sat 12:25-3:20-6:35**The Magic Flute: Met Opera Holiday Encore** (STC) Wed 11  
**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Pro-****tol** (PG) No Passes Fri 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:30-7:10-9:30-10:10 No Passes Sat 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:30-7:10 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:30-7:10-9:30-10:10**The Muppets** (G) Fri 1-4:7:05-9:35 Sat 1-4:7:05 Sun-Tue 1:15-4:15 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:15**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15 Sun-Thu 6:45-9:35**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) No Passes Fri 7:20-10:20 No Passes Sat 7:20 No Passes Sun-Thu 7:20-10:20 No Passes Fri 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 No Passes Sat 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50**War Horse** (PG) No Passes Sun-Thu 12:25-3:45-7:05-10:25**We Bought a Zoo** (PG) No Passes Fri 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 No Passes Sat 1:40-4:40-7:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30

## EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS

111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

**The Darkest Hour** (PG) Digital Sun 3:45-6:45-9:25 Digital Mon-Thu 12:35-3:45-6:45-9:25**The Descendants** (14A) Digital Fri 3:25-6:35-9:15 Digital Sat 12:25-3:25-6:35 Digital Sun 3:30-6:35-9:15 Digital Mon-Thu 12:25-3:30-6:35-9:15**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18A) Digital Fri 3:15-6:20-9:30 Digital Sat 12:05-3:15-6:20 Digital Sun 3:15-6:20-9:30 Digital Mon-Thu 12:05-3:15-6:20-9:30**Hugo** (PG) Digital Sun 3:20-6:25-9:10 Digital Mon-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:25-9:10**Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri 3:20-6:25-9:10 Sat 12:20-3:20-6:25**Margin Call** (STC) Digital Fri 3:35-6:40-9:25 Digital Sat 12:35-3:35-6:40**My Week With Marilyn** (14A) Digital Fri 3:45-6:45-9:35 Digital Sat 12:45-3:45-6:45**War Horse** (PG) Digital Sun 3:25-6:30-9:35 Digital Mon-Thu 12:15-3:25-6:30-9:35**We Bought a Zoo** (PG) Digital Fri 3:30-6:30-9:20 Digital Sat 12:30-3:30-6:30 Digital Sun 3:35-6:40-9:20 Digital Mon-Thu 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:20**Young Adult** (14A) Digital Fri 3:40-6:50-9:40 Digital Sat 12:40-3:40-6:50 Digital Sun 3:40-6:50-9:40 Digital Mon-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:40

## MAYFAIR THEATRE

1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

**The Dog Who Stopped the War** (STC) Wed 1**The Great Muppet Capers** (STC) Thu 1  
**The Ides of March** (14A) Fri 7 Mon-Tue 7 Wed-Thu 9:30**The Muppets** (G) Tue 1

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**Real Steel** (PG) Tue-Thu 3**The Skin I Live In** (18A) Fri 9:15 Mon-Tue 9:15 Wed-Thu 7

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**Dolphin Tale 3D** (G) Fri-Sat 12:05-2:20-4:35 Mon-Thu 12:05-2:20-4:35**The Help** (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-4 Sun 4 Mon-Thu 12:50-4**In Time** (PG) Fri 10-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 10-6:55-9:30**J. Edgar** (PG) Fri 9:55-4:30-9:10 Sat 9:55-4:30 Sun 4:30 Mon-Thu 9:55-4:30-9:10**Jack and Jill** (PG) Fri 10:20-7:25-9:25 Sat 10:20 Sun 7:25 Mon-Thu 10:20-7:25-9:25**Puss in Boots** (G) Fri 12:30-2:30-7:10 Sat 12:30-2:30 Sun 7:10 Mon-Thu 12:30-2:30-7:10**Puss in Boots 3D** (G) Fri-Sat 10:30-12:40-2:40-5 Sun 5 Mon-Thu 10:30-12:40-2:40-5**Tower Heist** (PG) Fri 10:10-12:10-2:25-4:45-7:9-15 Sat 10:10-12:10-2:25-4:45 Sun 2:25-4:45 Mon-Thu 10:10-12:10-2:25-4:45-7:9-15**A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (18A) Fri 7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:20**RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS**

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**The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn** (PG) Digital Sat 12:50 Digital Mon-Thu 1:30**The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn 3D** (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:35 Sat 4 Sun 6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:35**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) Digital Fri 4:6-50-9:40 Digital Sat 12:30-3:30 Digital Sun 6-9 Digital Mon-Thu 1-4-6-50-9:40**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) Digital Fri 4:15-7-9:45 Digital Sat 12:40-3:40 Digital Sun 6:15-9:15 Digital Mon-Thu 1:15-4:15-7-9:45

## SOUTH KEYS

2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

**The Adventures of Tintin 3D** (PG) No Passes Fri 11:20-1:55-4:35-7:25-10:10 No Passes Sat 11:20-1:55-4:35-7:25 No Passes Sun 1:55-4:35-7:25-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:20-1:55-4:35-7:25-10:10**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) Fri-Sat 11:10-12:12-2:15-3:45-4:30-6:50 Sun 12:50-1:25-3:30-3:45-6:50 Mon-Thu 11:10-12:12-2:15-3:45-4:30-6:50**Arthur Christmas** (G) Fri-Sat 11:15-1:40-4:25 Sun 1:40-4:25 Mon-Thu 11:15-1:40-4:25**The Darkest Hour 3D** (PG) Sun 2:30-5:20-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 11:40-2:30-5:20-7:50-10:15**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo**

(18A) No Passes Fri 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15 No Passes Sat 11:45-3:15-6:45 No Passes Sun 3:15-6:45-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15

**Happy Feet Two** (PG) Fri-Sat 11:05-1:35 Sun 1:35 Mon-Thu 11:05-1:35**Hugo 3D** (PG) Fri 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Sat 12:40-3:35-6:40**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (PG) No Passes Fri 11-12:30-2-3-30-5:15-7-8:30-10:20 No Passes Sat 11-12:30-2-3-30-3-40-6-35-7 No Passes Sun 12:30-2-3-40-5-15-7-8:30-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 11-12:30-2-3-40-5-15-7-8:30-10:25**The Muppets** (G) Fri 11:40-2:20-4:55-7:35-10:10 Sat 11:40-2:20-4:55-7:35**New Year's Eve** (PG) Fri 4:05-7:20-10:05 Sat 4:05-7:20 Sun-Thu 4:05-7:20-10:05**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG) No Passes Fri 12:15-3:20-6:10-9:05-9:50 No Passes Sat 12:15-3:20-6:10-9:05-9:50 No Passes Sun 12:30-2-6:10-6:55-9:05-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:15-3:20-6:10-6:55-9:05-9:50**The Sitter** (14A) Fri 9:05 Sun 9:05 Mon-Thu 9:10**War Horse** (PG) No Passes Sun 3-6:30-9:55 No Passes Mon-Tue 11:30-3-6:30-9:55 No Passes Wed 11:30-3-6:30-9:50 No Passes Thu 11:30-3-7:05-10:30**We Bought a Zoo** (PG) No Passes Fri 11-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 No Passes Sat 11-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 No Passes Sun 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 11-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20**Young Adult** (14A) Fri 7:40-10 Sat 7:10 Sun-Thu 7:40-10**GATINEAU**

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100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

**Born to Be Wild 3D** (STC) Fri 10:45-3 Sat 10:45 Mon-Thu 10:45-3**Coral Reef Adventure** (STC) Mon-Tue 8:05 Thu 8:05**Coraux du Pacifique** (STC) Fri 8:05 Wed 8:05**L'Express des Rocheuses** (STC) Fri 4-7 Sat 12:55 Mon 12:55-4 Tue 4 Wed 4-7 Thu 4**Nes Pour Etre Libres 3D** (STC) Fri 12:55 Mon 6 Tue-Thu 12:55**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Sun**Rocky Mountain Express** (STC) Fri 11:50-2-5 Sat 11:50 Mon-Tue 11:50-2-5-7 Wed 11:50-2-5 Thu 11:50-2-5-7

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Sat-Sun 1:10-3:20 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:20-7:10-9:20

**Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol** (13+) Fri 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30 Mon-Thu

12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30

**Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (G) Fri 1-3:40-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 7-9:40 Mon-Thu 1-3:40-7-9:40

## CINÉ-STARZ

1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

**Le chat potté** (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:50-3:25-5-6:35**En temps** (G) Fri 8:10 Mon-Thu 8:10**Harold et Kumar fêtent Noël** (STC) Fri-Thu 6**Jack et Jill** (G) Fri 5:30-9 Sat-Sun 5:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-9**Les Muppets** (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:55-3:50**Les petits pieds du bonheur 2** (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:50-3:40-7:05**La saga Twilight: Révélation 1re partie** (G) Fri 1:35-3:40-5:40-7:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:35-3:40-5:40-7:45 Mon-Thu 1:35-3:40-5:40-7:45-9:45**Les Schtroumpfs** (STC) Fri-Thu 12**La vieille du nouvel an** (G) Fri 7:35-9:40 Sat-Sun 7:35 Mon-Thu 7:35-9:40**CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN**

1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

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120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

**Alvin et les Chipmunks: Les naufragés** (G) Fri 12-2:15-4:30-6:50-9:05 Sat 12-2:15-4:30 Sun 2:15-4:30-6:50 Mon-Thu 12-2:15-4:30-6:50-9:05**Les aventures de Tintin 3D** (G) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat 1:10-3:50 Sun 3:50-7:15 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45**Cheval de guerre** (G) Sun 3:25-6:30 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:25-6:30-9:30**Crépuscule** (G) Sun 3-6:45 Mon-Thu 12:50-3-6:45-8:45**L'artiste** (G) Fri 1:20-4:7-20-10 Sat 1:20-4-7-20 Mon-Thu 1:20-4-7-20-10**Millennium: Les hommes qui n'aimaient pas les femmes** (13+) Fri 12:30-4:10-8 Sat 12:30 Sun 3-6 Mon-Thu 12:30-4:10-8**Mission Noël** (G) Fri 12:50-3-6:45-8:45 Sat 12:50-3**Mission: Impossible protocole fantôme** (13+) Fri 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:40 Sat 12:40-3:30 Sun 3:30-6:40 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:40**Nous avons acheté un zoo** (G) Fri 12:10-2:45-6:20-9 Sat 12:10-2:45 Sun 2:45-6:20 Mon-Thu 12:10-2:45-6:20-9**La saga Twilight: Révélation 1re partie** (G) Fri 12:20-3:25-6:30-9:30 Sat 12:20-3:25**Sherlock Holmes: Le jeu des ombres** (G) Fri 1:3-45-7:10-9:50 Sat 1-3-45 Sun

3:45-7:10 Mon-Thu 1-3-45-7:10-9:50

## STARCITÉ HULL

115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemafortune.ca

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# From backstage to front street

► Once an after thought, now a Golden Globe nominee, Octavia Spencer wants to be beacon of hope for actors

After 15 years as a rank-and-file actor, Octavia Spencer is stepping into Hollywood's gilded spotlight.

The 39-year-old actress was nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award and a Golden Globe for her turn as sassy maid Minny Jackson in *The Help*.

Her co-stars Viola Davis and Jessica Chastain also earned acting nods from both groups, and the film is up for best picture at the Globes and best ensemble at the SAG Awards.

"The only word I can really use to describe this feeling is overwhelming," she said.

"It is overwhelming and wonderful."

Though Spencer said she tried not to "invest emotionally" in Hollywood's awards process because "I just didn't want anything to diminish what we've all been able to accomplish," she was moved to tears by the SAG and Globes recognition.

"No matter what happens, the fact that we've had some stardust rain down on us over the past couple of days, it's just, it's pretty..." she paused, collected herself, "overwhelming."

She lauded director and screenwriter Tate Taylor, her longtime friend, and the cast mates she now considers family, including



► Both Octavia Spencer, pictured, and her castmate Jessica Chastain were nominated for a Golden Globe award for best supporting actress for their roles in *The Help*.

## Friends

How it got a little Help.

► **Relationship** Tate Taylor was lifelong friends with author Kathryn Stockett and got the rights to the book before it was published, but with only one feature film to his credit, most studios refused to work with him. Finally, producer Chris Columbus signed on, then DreamWorks. *The Help* was a hit when it was released over the summer and has been showered with honours ever since.

Davis.

"I'm thrilled for Viola," she said. "I consider myself a rank-and-file actor who's been kicking the can around for 15 years. Viola is a trained Juilliard actress who has been doing stage and now the world is getting to see what she can do... I'm glad that she's having her moment and she deserves this moment."

Spencer's kicking the can has included numerous appearances in such TV series as *Ugly Betty*, *Big Bang Theory*, *CSI*, *Just*

*Shoot Me!*, *Chicago Hope* and *The X-Files*, and in the feature films *What Planet Are You From?*, *Halloween II* and *The Sky is Falling*. Upcoming features include *Lost on Purpose*, *Smashed*, *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* and *Girls! Girls! Girls!*

But *The Help* is by far her highest-profile project to date — and the result of love and perseverance, Spencer said, noting the novel was rejected 60 times before it became a bestseller.

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**With two days to go, what do you get the music fan on your list?**

Let's assume for a second that there will be some envelopes under the tree Christmas morning. You could do the responsible thing and apply whatever cash you get to the post-Christmas debts — remember that CPP takes its annual chunk out of your paycheque as of January 1! — or use it for an RRSP contribution.

But let's be honest: you're going to do neither.

Instead, you'll contribute to the retail economy by recycling that cash on things that...well, things that you think you need but really don't. In fact, no one actually needs any of these things.

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### The iHorn (\$540)

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# Just because he wears lots of eyeliner...

► Adam Lambert gets into a gay bar brawl in Helsinki

## THE WORD

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Well, this is awesome: Former American Idol star Adam Lambert was arrested and briefly jailed in Finland after reportedly getting into a gay bar brawl with his boyfriend, Finnish Big Brother star Sauli Koskinen, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Lambert is in Helsinki to spend Christmas with Koskinen's family, and the couple was out drinking with Finnish beauty queen and ex-Miss Helsinki Sofia Ruusila when an argument between the two men turned violent, causing them to be kicked out of the bar.

Their fight continued in the street, where Lambert reportedly hit Ruusila by mistake, she told a Finnish entertainment channel. Lambert and Koskinen were arrested and questioned for sever-



► Adam Lambert

al hours before being released Thursday afternoon.

Finnish beauty queens, gay bar fights, jail time — and here you thought

you'd have an interesting Christmas break if your mother had two glasses of wine instead of her usual one. Adam Lambert for the win!

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## Is Jamie Bell looking for a ring?

The rekindled romance must be working, because Jamie Bell and Evan Rachel Wood are reportedly thinking about marriage.

"They have been shopping for rings for at least a month," a source tells Us Weekly.



► Jamie Bell and Rachel Wood

And the two certainly aren't afraid of commitment, as they reportedly got matching tattoos during their initial courtship in 2006.

"Evan and Jamie were really young and just getting going in their careers when they first met and

they just weren't ready," another source tells Radar Online.

"Now that they are older and both excelling in their professional lives, I think they feel ready to take their relationship to the next level."

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## Kutcher moves on

Ashton Kutcher is apparently making the most of his newly single status, as the Two and a Half Men star was spotted hanging out with three young women in Berlin this week, where he's reportedly researching a new business venture, according to Hollyscoop.

Kutcher and the three women were spotted getting into his chauffeur-driven car together, though he was later seen heading into an apartment with just one of them, a brunette.

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► Ashton Kutcher

## Celebrity tweets



OMG. In my next role I need to speak Chinese! Curious?

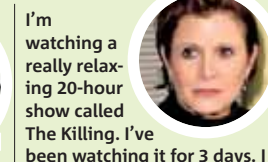


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Kim Jung Un has some small shoes to fill.

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## Ryan and Blake hit Vancouver for family time

Ryan Reynolds treated Blake Lively to some pre-holiday family time while the couple were in Vancouver this week, according to Us Weekly.

After shopping for toys and cupcakes earlier in the

day, the pair joined Reynolds' mother and brother for dinner at Tojos restaurant. Sources who spotted Lively and Reynolds around town say they were "really friendly" but kept to themselves. ● METRO



► Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds

## No Xmas TV at Beyoncé's house

Beyoncé says she and Jay-Z are looking forward to enjoying the holidays free from the glare of television.

"I will be with family. We are both so busy throughout the year that Christmas is just a time to relax with family and count the many

blessings in your life," the pregnant pop star says, according to Contact Music.

"Christmas Day is a no-TV zone. We just like to sit and talk together as a family."

She also admits that being expectant parents will likely have an effect on the gifts they buy each other: "We both keep seeing super-cute stuff for the baby, so I am sure even our presents for each other will involve the baby in some way," she says.

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► Jay-Z and Beyoncé



# 3 life

## Tenderloin Tip



The cut of meat in this recipe is very important. When you head to the meat counter, be sure to specify that you want a centre-cut tenderloin. This will ensure that you don't get a roast that contains several pieces of tenderloin pressed together.

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Some common sense can help keep food healthy and safe during the festive season

## Perfect turkey supporters



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As sure as the Grinch stole Christmas, it's a given that we'll all receive at least one bottle of wine as a gift from a co-worker, guest or neighbour over the holiday season.

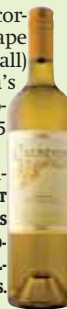
In my house, I pick the wines that go with Xmas dinner so — while much appreciated — anything that shows up at the door goes into the wine rack for future enjoyment.

Of course, considering how my family can plow through my wine selection, it would be nice if more of the freebies came with a roast turkey match in mind.

For reds, bring a plump New World pinot noir from California or Canada, a chocolaty old vines zinfandel (also from Cali.) or, for a slightly unconventional Old World partner, a Crianza or Reserva from Spain's Rioja region.

On the white side, think a not so oaky chardonnay from Australia or Chile, a German riesling or a rich, multi-blend like the ripe, refreshing cornucopia of grape flavours (five in all) that is California's Caymus 2009 Cuvée (\$23.95 - \$29.99).

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# Happy healthy holidays

► This Beef Wellington contains just 11 grams of fat and 328 calories

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## Preparation:

**1** Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Season beef liberally with salt and pepper.

**2** In sauté pan over medium-high, heat olive oil. When oil just smoking, add beef. Brown on all sides, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Once browned, remove beef and place on a rack to rest.

**3** Add garlic to hot pan and cook until lightly browned, 20 seconds. Add mushrooms and onion and cook until soft and tender and all liquid has evaporated, 10 mins. Season with salt and pepper and add 10 ml (2 tsp) of the thyme.

**4** Set aside 50 ml (1/4 cup) of mushroom-onion mix. Transfer rest to food processor and pulse to roughly chop until reduced to 5-mm (1/4-inch) pieces. Transfer to bowl and refrigerate 5 mins. Once slightly cooled, add spinach and egg whites and mix well.

**5** In bowl, stir pancake mix with just enough water, about 75 ml (1/3 cup), to moisten and make dough that holds together but is not sticky. On lightly floured surface, roll dough to a thin rectangle that is 5 cm (2 inches) longer than the beef roast. Place beef on dough. Spoon spinach and mushroom mix on



► This recipe serves eight.

top and sides of beef and pat down tightly. Fold dough up and over top of beef and spinach and crimp seams together.

**6** Place meat, seam side down, on baking sheet. Cut slits in top to vent. Bake 40 mins. or until centre registers 60 C (140 F). Remove from oven, cover with foil and let rest for 10 minutes.

**7** Meanwhile, place 2 of porcini chunks in a spice grinder and grind to fine powder. Place mushroom powder, remaining

whole porcini mushroom chunks and shredded jerky in a microwave-safe bowl with 500 ml (2 cups) of water. Microwave high until water is simmering. Let sit for 5 minutes and repeat.

**8** Pour Madeira into small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to boil and boil 5 mins. or until reduced by half. Pour dried mushroom and beef broth through fine mesh strainer into Madeira while pushing on jerky and mushrooms to extract as much liquid

## Ingredients:

- 900 g (32 oz) beef tenderloin, centre cut, trimmed of all visible fat
- Salt and black pepper
- 7 ml (1/2 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 285 g (10 oz) button mushrooms, sliced
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced onion
- 12 ml (1 1/2 tsp) thyme
- 1 pkg (284 g/10 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 2 egg whites, beaten
- 400 ml (1 2/3 cups) Bisquick Heart Smart Pancake and Baking Mix
- 5 chunks dried porcini mushrooms
- 22 ml (3/4 oz) beef jerky, finely shredded
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Madeira
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) arrowroot powder
- 10 ml (2 tsp) soy sauce

as possible. Remove whole pieces of porcini mushrooms and roughly chop; set aside. Discard jerky. Bring broth and Madeira mix to a boil.

**9** In bowl, combine arrowroot and 60 ml (4 tbsp) cold water. Mix and add to simmering sauce. Cook and stir 1 min or until sauce thickens. Add soy sauce, remaining thyme, reserved porcini and reserved mushroom and onion mix. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Slice roast into 8 even slices and arrange on a platter. Serve with sauce. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ROCCO DISPIRITO**

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# Walking in a sweet treat wonderland

Looking for a new holiday gift idea? Make this Almond Bark to share with family and friends Give Candy Canes new meaning in tasty tarts



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an offset spatula. Sprinkle top with remaining almonds. If desired, drizzle top with melted milk chocolate or white chocolate for contrast. Chill uncovered for about 1 hour or until set.

**6** Break toffee into pieces. Keep layered between sheets of parchment paper in an airtight container at cool room temperature or refrigerated for 1 week.

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## Ingredients:

- 4 cups (1 L) sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup (60 mL) water
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) vanilla
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 lb (454 g) high-quality bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 8 oz (227 g) high-quality semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
- 3 oz. (90 g) milk or white chocolate, melted (optional)

## Preparation:

**1** Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C) and grease a large baking sheet. Set aside. In a separate large baking pan, spread almonds and toast for 8 minutes or until slightly brown. Let cool.

**2** In heavy saucepan bring butter, sugar, water,

vanilla, and salt to a boil over medium heat, stirring with a wooden spoon. Boil mixture, without stirring, 12 mins. or until deep golden.

**3** Remove pan from heat and stir in 2 cups (500 mL) of toasted almonds. Immediately pour onto greased baking sheet.

Spread evenly and then refrigerate until set.

**4** In bowl, set over saucepan of hot water, melt bittersweet and semi sweet chocolates until smooth.

**5** Pour chocolate over cooled almond toffee and spread evenly with

## Candy Cane Tarts



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Candy cane tarts will thrill the children this festive season.

The pretty little morsels of pastry are filled with chocolate pudding and topped with crushed candy canes or mint candy.

## Preparation:

**1** Prepare tart shells according to package directions for unfilled tart shells. Set aside to cool. Whip topping according to package directions and set aside.

**2** In a medium bowl, combine instant chocolate pudding and milk. Beat using an electric mixer until

thickened, 2 to 4 minutes.

**3** Place half of the prepared pudding in a separate medium bowl and fold in 2/3 of the whipped topping. Divide plain pudding mixture evenly among cooled tart shells. Top with pudding-whipped topping mixture.

**4** Refrigerate filled tarts and remaining topping for at least 2 hours. Serve topped with a dollop of remaining whipped topping and sprinkle with crushed candy canes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ TENDERFLAKE**

## Ingredients:

- 12 frozen tart shells
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) whipped topping
- 1 pkg (250 g/8 oz) instant chocolate pudding
- 250 ml (1 cup) milk
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) crushed candy canes or mint candy

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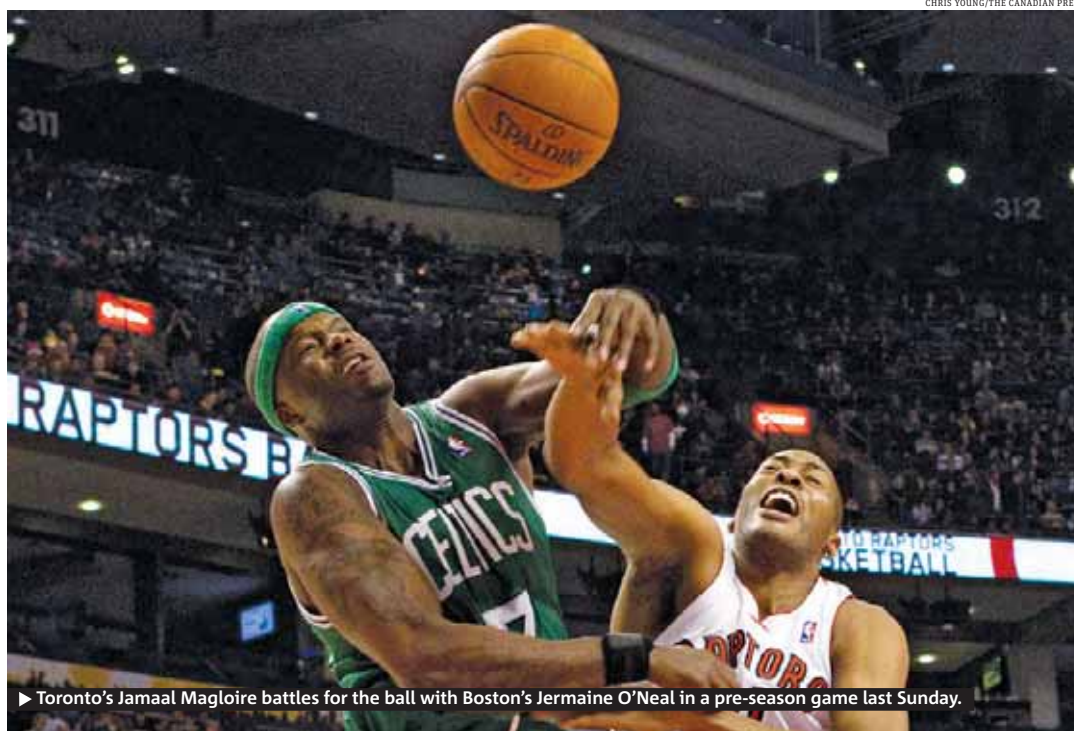


Ottawa (16-14-4) plays the Hurricanes (10-19-6) in its second game in two nights. With leading scorer Jeff Skinner (concussion) out since Dec. 7, the Hurricanes need more from Eric Staal, who hasn't scored in six games and has two assists and a minus-4 rating in the five games Skinner has missed so far. Cam Ward allowed four goals on 19 shots in Wednesday's loss to Phoenix, the fourth time in eight starts this month he's allowed four or more goals.

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► Toronto's Jamaal Magloire battles for the ball with Boston's Jermaine O'Neal in a pre-season game last Sunday.

# Few expect much from the Raptors

► Most experts peg Toronto to finish at or near the bottom of the NBA

The predictions are in and they're not pretty.

The NBC Sports website predicts the Toronto Raptors will finish in last place this season with just 18 wins. The CBS Sports website has Toronto in the basement in its NBA power rankings. SI.com was slightly more kind, ranking the Raptors 29th in the 30-team league.

Drop five dollars in Las Vegas on the Raptors to win the championship and you'll cash out for a cool grand if they actually did it.

To say expectations are low for Canada's only NBA team would be a grand understatement. This is a club that plans to give its young players as many minutes as possible with its eye firmly locked on the future.

New head coach Dwane Casey will have his work cut out for him in what has already been declared a rebuilding campaign — or as he and general manager Bryan Colangelo like to call it, a "building" season.

In previous years, stars like Damon Stoudemire,

### Schedule quirks



The NBA sought competitive balance. What it got was schedule imbalance.

► One of the many consequences of the lock-out was the tradition that every team plays in every NBA city at least once per season. That's not the case this year.

Tracy McGrady, Vince Carter and Chris Bosh were the feature players on the club. This season, there is no easy choice as the face of the franchise.

The roster is a collection of youngsters with potential and some decent veterans who will be counted on to provide guidance on court and in the locker-room. A team-first mentality is in place with a focus on strengthening the

► While teams will visit every other team in their own conference, they will only make trips to play nine clubs from the other side of the league instead of the usual 15. It's one of many quirks of a 66-game schedule.

► That means Carmelo Anthony's return to Denver is delayed for another year, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade won't be visiting Sacramento anytime soon and fans in Chicago will only be seeing Kobe Bryant on television this season.

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club's foundation.

"It's a group effort, it's not a one-guy show," forward James Johnson said in a recent interview.

Expect youngsters like DeMar DeRozan, Amir Johnson and Ed Davis to see plenty of minutes and crunch-time action as they soak up as much experience as possible. They're considered key building blocks for the Raptors, who are coming off a weak 22-60 season.

Andrea Bargnani provided some offensive spark last season with a career-high average of 21.4 points per game. However, his blocks (46) were down significantly and he had 150 fewer rebounds than the previous year.

The pressure will be on the No. 1 pick from the 2006 draft to deliver under Casey's defence-first philosophy. Toronto native Jamaal Magloire may not see a ton of minutes but he'll give the Raptors some much-needed toughness under the glass.

Young players like forward James Johnson and guard Jerryd Bayless haven't had starter's minutes for a full season. They could blossom if given the opportunity.

The 66-game schedule may actually help the Raptors, who have plenty of young legs to handle the many back-to-back games throughout the compressed season. Casey will likely experiment with different lineups over the first few weeks as he gets a feel for the players. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## World junior gold 'earned, not given'

Canada is again a contender for gold at the world junior hockey championship, but the host country will have to fight off stiff challenges from the United States, Russia and Sweden.

Canada opens the 2012 world junior tournament Sunday in Edmonton against Finland, a dark horse in the race for gold.

Canadian teams have reached the final of this tournament every year for the last decade and won half of them. Fair or not, Canadians have come to depend on seeing their country in the championship game.

So the biggest challenge Canada's 2012 edition faces is avoiding a sense of entitlement in this tournament.

On the back of the players' T-shirts during selection camp in Calgary earlier this month was the slogan "earned, not given."

"There's no rule that we deserve gold every year," Canadian head coach Don Hay said. "Other countries want it too and there's other countries that believe they play the right way."

After a run of five straight gold, Canada lost in overtime to the U.S. in the 2010 final in Saskatoon and spectacularly collapsed in the 2011 final in Buffalo, N.Y., when Russia scored five unanswered goals in the third period to win 5-3.

But to call Canada's campaign this year

"redemption" is unfair because 18 of the 22 players on this year's team did not play in Buffalo. That label could perhaps be applied to goaltender Mark Visentin, who was in net against Russia. THE CANADIAN PRESS



"It's really good because we have a fresh start, a clean slate and pretty much a whole new team."

GOALTENDER MARK VISENTIN



# Schwartz moving past the pain

► Canadian captain focused on gold after missing majority of 2011 WJC and losing sister to leukemia shortly after

Jaden Schwartz played through pain at last year's world junior hockey championship, before having to watch from the sidelines.

This time, the 19-year-old from Wilcox, Sask., will look to set the tone throughout the tournament as Canadian captain.

Schwartz is one of four players on this year's team that had to settle for silver at the 2011 world junior tournament in Buffalo, N.Y.

But Schwartz wasn't able to finish that tournament. He fractured his left ankle during Canada's second game, yet still had a goal and two assists in a 7-2 win over the Czech Republic.

Schwartz didn't play another game after that though, and watched the gold-medal game from the sidelines. Canada led 3-0

**"You try to forget last year, but at the same time you want to learn from it."**

**JADEN SCHWARTZ  
ON LAST YEAR'S LOSS TO RUSSIA**

heading into the third period, but Russia exploded for five goals to take the title.

"Last year was tough, obviously getting hurt and then that third period against Russia," Schwartz said.

"This year is a whole new group of guys, new faces, new team and everything like that. There's enough motivation just being here. We're all here to win gold and that's the bottom line."

The St. Louis Blues prospect seems older than



► Canadian forward Jaden Schwartz looks up ice during practice in Banff, Alta., last week.

19, perhaps because he has a perspective on life that his teammates don't.

His sister Mandi, a hockey player at Yale, died April

3 of leukemia at the age of 23. She was fighting for her life in Wilcox while Schwartz was with the Canadian team in Buffalo.

When Schwartz arrived at the Regina airport after the tournament, Mandi was there to meet him and Schwartz hung his silver

medal around her neck.

"She was pretty sick at that time," Schwartz said.

"It was the hardest thing I had to go through and probably one of the hardest things I'll ever go through. It's very difficult, but family and friends get you through times like that and thankfully they're always there for me."

Goaltender Mark Visentin says Schwartz is an ideal captain.

"I think he's a tremendous leader and he's definitely a person I look up to," the goalie said.

Schwartz, five foot 10 and 190 pounds, was a first-round pick (14th overall) of the St. Louis Blues in 2010.

He and his brother Rylan, 22, both play NCAA hockey at Colorado College.

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d-Florida	34	18	10	2	4	91	86	42	8-3-1-4	10-7-1-0	5-3-1-1	L1
NY Rangers	31	19	8	1	3	91	68	42	8-3-0-2	11-5-1-1	6-3-0-1	W2
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Ottawa	34	16	14	2	2	106	117	36	9-7-0-1	7-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	W2
Washington	32	17	14	0	1	95	97	35	11-5-0-1	6-9-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Buffalo	33	16	14	2	1	90	98	35	8-9-2-1	8-5-0-0	3-5-2-0	L2
Winnipeg	33	15	13	3	2	91	100	35	11-5-0-1	4-8-3-1	6-3-0-1	L1
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Tampa Bay	33	14	17	0	2	89	114	30	8-5-0-0	6-12-0-2	3-7-0-0	L1
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Vancouver	34	21	11	0	2	114	82	44	10-4-0-1	11-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	W3
Detroit	33	21	11	1	0	109	75	43	13-2-1-0	8-9-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
St. Louis	33	19	10	0	4	84	72	42	13-3-0-1	6-7-0-3	6-2-0-2	L1
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Last night's results

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N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers  
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Chicago 5 Montreal 1  
Colorado 3 St. Louis 2  
Philadelphia 4 Dallas 1  
Phoenix 4 Carolina 3  
San Jose 7 Tampa Bay 2

Tonight's games

Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Ottawa at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.  
Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
St. Louis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 24-25**  
**Holiday Break**  
No Games Scheduled.

LATE WEDNESDAY

CANUCKS 4, WINGS 2

First Period

1. Vancouver, Higgins 10 (Raymond, Bieksa) 9:36  
2. Vancouver, Hodgson 7 (Hansen, Malhotra) 9:57  
3. Detroit, Bertuzzi 4 (White, Datsyuk) 13:46  
4. Vancouver, Burrows 13 (D.Sedin, H.Sedin) 15:40  
**Penalties** — None.  
**Second Period**  
5. Detroit, Miller 7 (Helm, Cleary) 16:20  
**Penalty** — Bieksa Vcr (hooking) 18:36.  
**Third Period**  
6. Vancouver, Edler 6 (Hansen) 3:30 (sh)  
**Penalties** — Kesler Vcr (roughing) 3:15, Higgins Vcr (delay-of-game) 6:38, D. Sedin Vcr (tripping) 19:11.

Shots

Detroit 8 16 16 40  
Vancouver 9 12 4 25  
**Goal** (shots-saves) — Detroit: Howard (L,20-8-1) (25-21); Vancouver: Luongo (W,14-6-2) (40-38). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — Detroit: 0-4; Vancouver: 0-0.  
**Referees** — Marc Joanette, Tom Kowal. **Linesmen** — Brian Mach, Mark Wheler.  
**Att.** — 18,860 at Vancouver.

SHARKS 7, LIGHTNING 2

First Period

1. San Jose, Ferrier 2 (Thornton, Boyle) 3:26  
2. San Jose, Pavelski 14 (Burns, Thornton) 4:51 (pp)  
3. San Jose, Desjardins 3 (A.Murray) 6:21  
4. San Jose, Couture 13 (Marleau, Clowe) 13:13  
5. San Jose, Couture 14 (Handzus, Clowe) 14:47 (pp)

6. Tampa Bay, D.Moore 3 (Brewer) 15:38  
**Penalties** — Mitchell SJ (holding) 0:36, Bergeron TB (tripping) 4:26, D.Moore TB (boarding) 13:46.  
**Second Period**  
No Scoring.  
**Penalties** — Vlasic SJ (tripping) 10:35, Clowe SJ (interference) 15:05, Jones TB (high-sticking) 18:21.  
**Third Period**  
7. San Jose, Burns 6 (Handzus) 1:15  
8. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 10 (Purcell) 7:45  
9. San Jose, Marleau 13, 12:41  
**Penalties** — Downie TB (elbowing) 2:21, Handzus SJ (double high-sticking) 2:24.  
**Shots**  
Tampa Bay 5 15 4 24  
San Jose 13 19 11 43  
**Goal** (shots-saves) — Tampa Bay: Garon (L,8-9-1) (8-5), Roloson (6:21 first) (35-31); San Jose: Niemi (W,14-6-3). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — Tampa Bay: 0-5; San Jose: 2-4.  
**Referees** — Dave Jackson, Brad Meier. **Linesmen** — Vaughan Rody, Jay Sharrers.  
**Att.** — 17,562 (17,562) at San Jose, Calif.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	17	26	43
H.Sedin, Vcr	9	31	40
Kessel, Tor	19	20	39
Malikin, Pgh	15	24	39
D.Sedin, Vcr	13	26	39
Hossa, Chi	15	23	38
Stamkos, TB	20	17	37
Toews, Chi	20	17	37
Spezza, Ott	12	25	37
Sharp, Chi	18	18	36
Lupul, Tor	15	21	36
Vanek, Buf	17	18	35
Versteeg, Fla	16	19	35
Sellanne, Ana	11	24	35
Pominville, Buf	10	25	35
Eberle, Edm	13	21	34
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	13	21	34
Backstrom, Wash	12	22	34
Datsyuk, Det	10	24	34
P.Kane, Chi	9	25	34
Neal, Pgh	19	14	33
Ra.Whitney, Phx	12	20	32
Weiss, Fla	11	21	32
Hartnell, Pha	16	15	31
Karlsson, Ott	3	28	31
Gaborik, NYR	19	11	30
Franzen, Det	14	16	30
Fleischmann, Fla	12	18	30
Kopitar, Lax	10	20	30
Vrbata, Phx	16	13	29
Perry, Ana	14	15	29
Seguin, Bos	14	15	29
Elias, NJ	13	16	29
Jagr, Pha	11	18	29
Benn, Dal	8	21	29
Eriksson, Dal	11	17	28
O.Jokinen, Cal	11	17	28
M.Koivu, Minn	8	20	28
Thornton, SJ	6	22	28
Smyth, Edm	12	15	27
Parise, NJ	11	16	27
Plekanec, Mtl	7	20	27
Pavelski, SJ	14	12	26
Iginla, Cal	13	15	26
B.Richards, NYR	12	14	26
Filipula, Det	10	16	26
Tavares, NYI	10	16	26
Prospal, Clb	7	19	26
Campbell, Fla	3	23	26
Michalek, Ott	19	6	25
E.Kane, Wpg	15	10	25

**Not including last night's games**

HOCKEY

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EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

Last night's results

At Red Deer, Alta.  
Canada vs. Switzerland  
At Brooks, Alta.  
Latvia vs. Denmark  
At Lethbridge, Alta.  
Russia vs. Czech Republic

Tonight's games

At Edmonton  
Canada vs. Sweden, 9:30 p.m.  
At Three Hills, Alta.  
U.S. vs. Slovakia, 9 p.m.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Monday, Dec. 26

At Edmonton  
Canada vs. Finland, 3:30 p.m.  
U.S. vs. Denmark, 8 p.m.  
At Calgary  
Sweden vs. Latvia, 5:30 p.m.  
Russia vs. Switzerland, 10 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 27

At Edmonton  
Denmark vs. Czech Republic, 8 p.m.  
At Calgary  
Latvia vs. Slovakia, 10 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 28

At Edmonton  
Finland vs. U.S., 3:30 p.m.  
Czech Republic vs. Canada, 8 p.m.  
At Calgary  
Switzerland vs. Sweden, 5:30 p.m.  
Slovakia vs. Russia, 10 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 29

At Edmonton  
Canada vs. Denmark, 8 p.m.  
At Calgary  
Russia vs. Latvia, 10 p.m.

ACTIVITY

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Marquis on a one-year contract.  
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named John Tamargo Jr. manager of Lansing (MWL); Mike Redmond manager of Dunedin (FSL) and Clayton McCullough manager of Vancouver (NWL). National League  
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with C Rob Johnson on a minor league contract.

NBA

NEW JERSEY NETS—Waived F Stephen Graham.

NFL

NFL—Fined New York Jets LB Calvin Pace \$15,000 for an illegal hit on Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick in a Dec. 18 game.

NHL

NHL—Suspended Pittsburgh D Deryk Engelland three games for an illegal check to the head of Chicago F Marcus Kruger during a Dec. 20 game.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results  
Tottenham 1 Chelsea 1

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY

Yesterday's results  
Fourth Round  
Second Leg  
Valencia 4, Cadiz 0 (Valencia advances 4-0 on aggregate)  
Barcelona 9, Hospitalet 0 (Barcelona advances 10-0 on aggregate)

FOOTBALL

U.S. COLLEGE BOWL GLANCE

All Times ET  
Last night's result  
MAACO BOWL  
At Las Vegas  
Boise State vs. Arizona State  
Tomorrow's game  
HAWAII BOWL  
At Honolulu  
Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 8 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 26  
INDEPENDENCE BOWL  
At Shreveport, La.  
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 27  
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL  
At Detroit  
Western Michigan (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 4:30 p.m.  
BELK BOWL  
At Charlotte, N.C.  
North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Louisville (7-5), 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 28  
MILITARY BOWL  
At Washington  
Air Force (7-5) vs. Toledo (8-4), 4:30 p.m.  
HOLIDAY BOWL  
At San Diego  
Texas (7-5) vs. California (7-5), 8 p.m.

NFL

WEEK 16

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	3	0	.786	437	297
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571	346	315
Miami	5	9	0	.357	286	269
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	311	371

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	10	4	0	.714	343	236
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	279	278
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	207	293
Indianapolis	1	13	0	.071	211	395

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Baltimore	10	4	0	.714	334	236
x-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	285	218
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	305	283
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	195	274

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	6	0	.571	292	343
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	317	382
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	358	313
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	192	319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	348	296
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	334	372
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	342	311
Washington	5	9	0	.357	252	300

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	457	306
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	341	281
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	341	368
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	247	401

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	13	1	0	.929	480	297
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	395	332
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	315	293
Minnesota	2	12	0	.143	294	406

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	11	3	0	.786	327	185
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	284	273
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	273	305
St. Louis	2	12	0	.143	166	346

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

Last night's result  
Houston at Indianapolis  
Tomorrow's games  
All Times Eastern  
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Arizona at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
San Diego at Detroit, 4:05 p.m.  
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday's game  
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.  
Monday's game  
Atlanta at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

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# All they want for Christmas ...

► Packers receivers need to regain their form against the Bears to clinch home-field advantage in the playoffs

In theory, the Green Bay Packers' group of receivers is deep and talented enough to make up for the loss of one player — even one as good as Greg Jennings.

It just didn't look that way in Sunday's loss at Kansas City.

Tight end Jermichael Finley dropped passes, and he wasn't the only player who struggled to hold onto the ball. Jordy Nelson was relatively quiet after a couple of head-scratching offensive pass interference calls went against him. And when Aaron Rodgers needed to make big plays at the end of the game, nobody was open.

"We have to be on top of



► Packer Jermichael Finley is caught from behind by Chief Sabby Piscitelli last Sunday.

our game, and we weren't in Kansas City," Nelson said. "That's all that matters."

Jennings sprained his left knee in the Packers' Dec. 11 victory over Oakland, and is not likely to return until the

playoffs. He made a brief appearance in the locker-room Thursday and appeared to be walking without difficulty, making a couple of moves to avoid reporters.

The Packers have a chance to wrap up home-field advantage in the NFC with a victory over Chicago on Sunday night, but they'll likely need a better performance from their re-

ceivers to beat the Bears.

Rodgers acknowledged the offence was out of rhythm against the Chiefs.

"I think it's us not executing and making the plays we expect to make and them playing good defence," Rodgers said. "So all offences are aided by a good rhythm, keeping drives going, converting on third downs, being good in the red zone. We just didn't do those things on Sunday and they controlled the football, controlled the clock, and the urgency just wasn't there when we were on offence and we didn't make the plays."

Finley said concentration is especially important

when playing with a quarterback who throws as hard as Rodgers.

"We don't (have) a guy that's tossing the ball," Finley said. "We have a guy throwing the ball like a baseball, so you have to focus hard."

Finley did have three touchdowns in the Packers' Sept. 25 victory at Chicago, but he expects the Bears to adjust the way they cover him on Sunday.

"I would think they've seen film of guys putting their hands on me, getting manned up and getting me off my route," Finley said. "I wouldn't doubt they'll do the same."

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### Spiritual

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Your children and we are made in  
Your image and likeness and we are  
black or brown, yellow or white. Why  
don't we live in Your image and  
likeness? We are the colours that  
blend into the rainbow of life with the  
colours of the mountains and the  
hills, the rivers and the sea and all  
beautiful things. Why then do we  
smudge and spoil the archway of life's  
rainbow by hating and fighting and  
speaking ill of each other? Why can't  
we keep God's rainbow perfect in  
unity, friendship and love for only  
then will we find the promise that a  
rainbow brings, the promise of  
eternal life.  
Dear Lord,  
help us to live in unity and  
peace and to love one another  
- Rosa George

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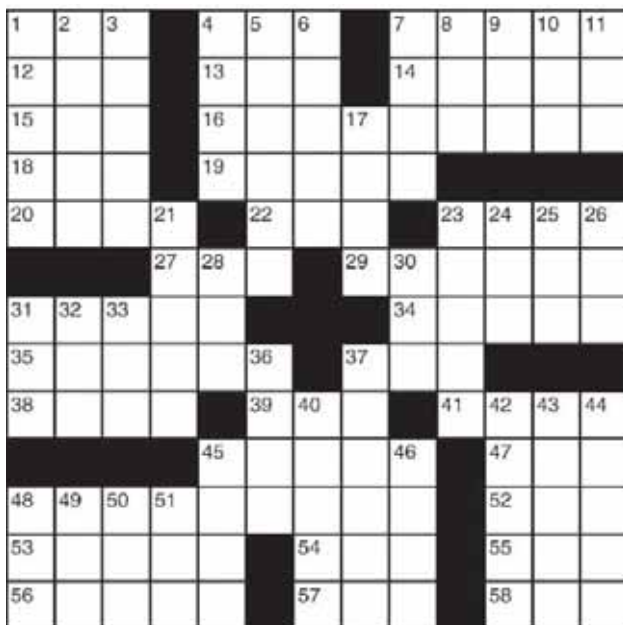
## Crossword

## Across

- 1 Hot tub  
4 Physicist's deg.  
7 Cut in two  
12 Chop  
13 Scrooge's cry  
14 Crosswise, nautically  
15 Historic time  
16 Four-line verses  
18 Atmosphere  
19 Seafood entree  
20 Dog bane?  
22 Very long time  
23 Former frosh  
27 Needlefish  
29 There  
31 Perfect  
34 Perspectives  
35 With 48-Across, "Family Feud" material  
37 Bankroll  
38 Oliver Twist's request  
39 Clean Air Act org.  
41 Send forth  
45 Pilfered  
47 Inseparable  
48 See 35-Across  
52 "Monty Python" opener  
53 Pianist Eubie  
54 Young seal  
55 Prepared  
56 Disrobe  
57 Pigpen  
58 Attempt

## Down

- 1 Wheat bundle  
2 Danger  
3 Cognizant  
4 Cookouts, for short  
5 UFO, maybe



- 6 Guitarist once wed to Xavier Cugat  
7 Difficult  
8 "The — Daba Hon-eymoon"  
9 Island garland  
10 Forefront  
11 Typog-raphy units  
17 Broadway prize  
21 Tequila source  
23 Insinuating  
24 "— on a Grecian Urn"  
25 Church seat  
26 Storefront sign abbr.

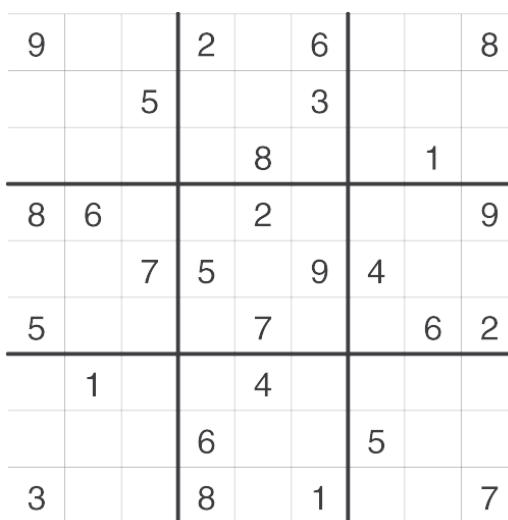
- 28 Hearty brew  
30 Eggs  
31 Doctrine  
32 Pair with an air  
33 Mess up  
36 Abominable Snowman  
37 Reddish brown  
40 Tires (out)  
42 Wettish  
43 Bury  
44 Irascible  
45 Dance lesson  
46 Catch sight of  
48 Brady and Brees, for ex.

- 49 Last (Abbr.)  
50 Listener  
51 Tackle moguls

## ▶ Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's answer ▶

8	3	5	6	2	7	1	9	4
1	2	9	3	8	4	6	5	7
6	4	7	5	1	9	3	8	2
4	1	8	9	5	6	7	2	3
7	6	3	8	4	2	5	1	9
9	5	2	1	7	3	4	6	8
2	9	6	4	3	1	8	7	5
3	8	1	7	9	5	2	4	6
5	7	4	2	6	8	9	3	1

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*Me (D.B. my wish)  
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**FROM SECRET CRUISE**

## Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 You will be thinking a lot about your work and your reputation over the next few days.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 If someone says you should not be concerned about what is going on in your immediate environment that means you should be very concerned indeed.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 It would appear that you have been worrying about your money situation for no good reason.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 You are in two minds whether to get in-

volved in a feud that is really none of your business.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 This is the ideal time to think of ways to reduce your chores and improve your health.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Your confidence is improving by the hour.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may find it hard to ask for assistance but ask you must because if you go it alone over the holiday period you could find yourself in a bit of a muddle.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The approaching new moon makes it

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Good news from afar will cheer you up today, not least because it means you could make a lot of money.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You are on the cusp of a positive phase.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't snap at people who try to cheer you up — they mean well.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. This is a good day to contact friends and relatives and plan a get-together.

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1. Removed street sign above the 2012 Chevrolet Sonic 5-door. 2. Removed building decor from right side of corner building. 3. Changed colour of building sign to yellow. 4. Added stripe to sweater. 5. Added a sign onto the patio wall. 6. Switched the direction of the patio lamp above the 2012 Chevrolet Sonic 5-door. 7. Removed building decor from right side of corner building. 8. Removed a green flag from the hanging line. 9. Added building decor to left side of corner building. 10. Removed streetlight from right side of image.



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